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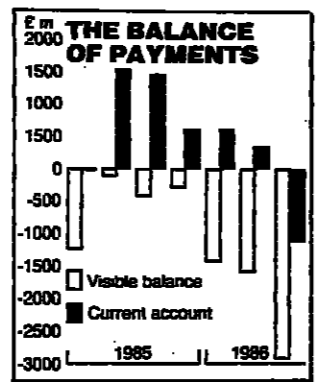
By Sebastian C...

Trade figures hit by High Street boom

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Britain's consumer boom is leading to an alarming increase in imports...

Further base rate rise would go directly on to mortgage rates. The pound fell by 0.75 cents...

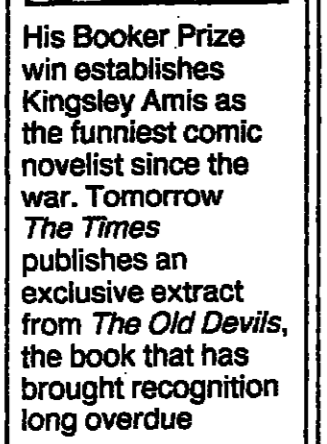


The trade figures, which were much worse than analysts expected, hit the pound and sent interest rates in the money markets higher again...

deficits of £1.49 billion on trade and £886 million on current account. Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, had described the August figures as "freak"...

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Portfollio. The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize of £4,000 was shared yesterday by three readers...

Tory libel 'pressure' is denied

The libel action brought by two Conservative MPs against the BBC over the Panorama programme "Maggie's Militant Tendency" exploded in the Commons yesterday...

US calls tit-for-tat expulsions truce

From Christopher Thomas, Washington. The United States yesterday called a truce in the month-long round of tit-for-tat expulsions between the superpowers...

Wartime spirit at American embassy

From Christopher Walker, Moscow. American diplomats on hardship posting in the Soviet Union found their personal and professional lives thrown into chaos yesterday...

All systems go. Last Saturday's dress rehearsal on the new screen-quoted price system for the City's Big Bang was a success...

Useful music. The Really Useful Group which has commercial rights to Andrew Lloyd Webber's musicals increased pre-tax profits from £2.6 million to £4.3 million for the year to June 30...

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Increase in water rates is expected

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Water rates are likely to rise by 5-6 per cent next year because the Government is forcing water authorities to accelerate repayment of their debts.

But the 12 million customers of the Thames Water Authority, the largest in Britain, could face a 10 per cent rise...

Already being forced to repay its debts faster than it wishes, Thames is this year paying back £82 million of its borrowings...

The other water authorities have been given similar targets. Between them they are being forced to borrow £110 million less in 1987 than in 1986...

Mr Roy Watts, the chairman of the Thames Water Authority, said: "It seems as if we shall, once again, be asked to substantially increase our repayment of long term debt in the coming year..."

What worries Tory MPs is that 1987 could be an election year. With the Tory shares already due to be hit by Mr Ridley's proposed distribution of the rate support grant...



Former emperor Jean-Bedel Bokassa of the Central African Republic was arrested returning from exile yesterday.

Execution possibility for Bokasa

Bangui (Reuter) - Former emperor Jean-Bedel Bokassa was arrested when he returned unexpectedly from exile yesterday and the Government issued a public reminder that he was sentenced to death in his absence.

A statement released by the office of President Andre Kolingba of the Central African Republic (CAR) confirmed that Mr Bokassa was arrested at Bangui airport on his return from France.

Mr Charles Redman, a State Department spokesman, said the Russians employ only 10 Americans, mainly as translators.

NUT threatens strike over race case appeal

By Howard Foster

The National Union of Teachers yesterday called on Mr Kenneth Baker, Education Secretary, to demand the immediate reinstatement of suspended head teacher Miss Maureen McGoldrick.

The union warned that its members in the borough of Brent may take strike action at half-term unless she gets her job back following the left-wing council's decision to appeal against a High Court ruling that the headmistress, aged 39, be reinstated.

Newcastle women die of Aids

The Newcastle General Infirmary confirmed yesterday that two women have died of Aids this month. Both are understood to be heterosexuals, one a married woman aged 21, with a child.

The hospital refused to confirm that the other woman was married to a haemophilic and had contracted the disease through him.

Dr Charles Farthing, an Aids registrar at St Stephen's Hospital, Fulham, said yesterday that thousands of women were carrying the Aids virus and that hundreds of these would develop the full disease by 1991.

Hindawi jury sent to hotel

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

The jury trying Nezar Hindawi, the Jordanian journalist accused of attempting to use his girlfriend as a human bomb on an El Al flight, was sent to an hotel last night after a day of deliberation on their verdict.

Mr Hindawi, aged 32, has pleaded not guilty at the Central Criminal Court to giving his unwitting girlfriend, Miss Ann Murphy, a bag containing explosives and a timer to take on an El Al flight.

RUC prepares scapegoats for 'shoot to kill'

By David Sapsted and Richard Ford

The Royal Ulster Constabulary has earmarked "sacrificial lambs" in advance of the inquiry report into claims that the force operated a deliberate shoot-to-kill policy...

Mr Colin Sampson, West Yorkshire chief constable, who took over the inquiry earlier this year when Mr John Stalker was suspended, is expected to send his report to Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, within a fortnight.

However, informed sources have told The Times that senior RUC officers have laid plans for colleagues to be sacrificed should any blame be apportioned by Mr Sampson for the control of an elite police squad responsible for the killings of six unarmed terrorists.

A leading member of the Police Federation in Northern Ireland said last night: "There is a lot of anger within the RUC that junior officers have seen the scapegoats from the very start. We are simply not prepared to see this happen yet again when the Sampson report appears."

It is known that Mr Stalker was unable to establish the chain of command of the Special Support Unit, initially trained by the Strategic Air Services and subsequently renamed the Headquarters Mobile Support Unit based at Lisnasharragh Barracks, east Belfast.

The change of name came about because the initials SSU were regarded as too close to SAS and implied a military-style unit.

The Greater Manchester deputy chief constable was taken off the inquiry, which had headed for two years, five days before he was due to question Sir John Hoomon, RUC chief constable, about the control and activities of this unit, including the attempted cover-up after the 1982 killings.

According to RUC contacts, the squad operated as a law unto itself with officers, even constables, refusing to accept the authority of more senior officers not in the unit.

An officer with the Special Support Unit, for instance, is understood to have told a superior to "go away and have a meal" when he arrived to investigate the shootings of Martin MacAuley and a Michael Tighe, aged 17, who was killed but had no known involvement with terrorist groups in a barn in November 1982.

The instruction was apparently to enable certain members of the special unit to agree the version of events that would appear in the official report.

Subsequently, a chief inspector and a superintendent were blamed in court for concocting a phoney version of events leading to the shooting of two unarmed men.

Three other members of the special unit were cleared of the murder of a trio of unarmed IRA men whose car failed to stop at a roadblock at Lurgan earlier in November 1982.

A third shooting in Armagh in December 1982, led directly

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Midland lifts home loan rate

By Martin Baker

The Midland Bank and the Woolwich Equitable Building Society have joined the current round of mortgage rate increases - with the Midland imposing the largest rise so far.

The Woolwich has decided to follow the Halifax Building Society in raising its mortgage to 12 1/2 per cent from November 1, leaving the Abbey National out of line on 12 per cent.

But the Midland Bank announced a 1/2 per cent point rise to a nominal 12.5 per cent yesterday, also effective from November 1.

Midland Bank does, however, stress that because of the way it does its mortgage calculations its loans are no more expensive than building society debt.

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Hobson's choice is a broadside from the bench

By Philip Jacobson

With a name like James Hobson Jobling, one might expect a certain Victorian resonance to the judgements of the stipendiary magistrate at London's Horseferry Road court.

And Mr Jobling, late of the Royal Navy, duly obliged yesterday with what veteran observers of his demeanour on the bench considered a vintage demolition of a Portuguese gentleman who entered his field of fire on charges of dodging bus fares and forging a British Rail season ticket.

The lawyer representing Senhor Antonio Marquess was pointing out, by way of mitigation, that his client, aged 31, married with two children and living in a council flat in Wandsworth, had been in constant employment throughout his ten years in this country - when the bench gave him both barrels.

"I'm sure he has," observed Mr Jobling. "They all get jobs. Just like the illegal immigrants who come here... Council houses, jobs, the lot."

"How do you do it? They can all get jobs. It's just the British public who can't." On learning that Marquess had been working as a £104-a-week porter with British Rail for the past five years, he exclaimed: "And he needs an interpreter in court today. How splendid!"

Mr Jobson was no more pleased to learn that the accused was on legal aid. "Absurd," he declared, then fined the hapless fellow £150, with £50 costs to be paid off at a tender a week - or you go to prison."

Those who have watched Mr Jobling in action on other occasions had sensed that it might be one of his more outspoken days when, before Marquess came up, he addressed himself to the case of a couple of teenage girls who admitted stealing a car to go joyriding.

What they need is a jolly good hiding," the bench observed, giving them a warning of possible prison sentences. "Pity I'm not in America where I could have taken some sensible action." One girl was fined £100, the other bailed for further reports.

Actually, both they and Senhor Marquess might count themselves fortunate to have escaped with a comparatively restrained tongue lashing from Mr Jobling.

Few who were present will forget his remarks to a young woman who came up before him last November on drunken driving charges. Pleading guilty, she told the court that less than a month earlier she had been operated on to remove her fallopian tubes.

On the day the offence took place, her doctor had informed her that she had only six months to live. Understandably depressed, she had drunk too much. "Well, we've all got to die sometime," Mr Jobling remarked, before imposing a £300 fine and disqualifying her from driving for eighteen months.

Police win access to riot pictures

A judge yesterday ordered two newspaper editors and a news agency to hand over to police on demand a series of photographs taken during the recent riots in Bristol. The *Western Daily Press* and the *Bristol Evening Post*, both in the Bristol United Press group, and the Bristol Press and Picture News Agency, had resisted a police action in the High Court in Bristol to force them to hand over news photographs.

Solstice revival

A celebration of the Midsummer solstice Druid ceremony will be held at Stonehenge next year, it has been announced. The English Heritage commission has given its approval for the ceremony, providing it does not take the form of a pop concert and is now negotiating plans with the National Trust.

Jaguar cars makes 11 per cent offer

Government hopes of restricting wage rises to below the level of inflation have suffered another setback with a pay offer of up to 11 per cent for 8,000 hourly-paid workers at Jaguar cars (Tim Jones writes).

Warning on toys

A "Thomas the Tank" model engine could poison children, Mr Mike Givens, trading standards officer for Gloucestershire, claimed yesterday. He said that the red paint on the Chinese-made models contains too much lead.

Surprise ending

A retired advertising executive who was clumsy when entering a BBC drama competition was pleasantly surprised to receive a cheque for £4,500 from Princess Margaret (left) at Television Centre, west London, yesterday.

Murder police want to quiz dog walker

Detectives investigating the murder of Nicola Fellows, aged 10, and Karen Hadaway, aged 9, in a park on the edge of Brighton want to find a man who was walking his two dogs in the park on the night the girls were strangled.

Fine over Busmen's pig fever

A farmer and his wife at the centre of a swine fever epidemic in which 1,000 animals had to be slaughtered, were fined £720 by magistrates at Droitwich, Hereford and Worcester, yesterday.

Busmen's holiday

The Trent Bus Company, which serves Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and parts of Leicestershire, announced yesterday that it is ceasing regular service for eight days over Christmas, starting at 9 pm on December 24, to cut losses because of probable lack of custom.

Left split on front bench election

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent. The forthcoming elections to the Shadow Cabinet have split the Labour left and given the already dominant centre-right grouping hopes of further advance.

Driver in train disaster 'did not know of signal changes'

By Ian Smith. A public inquiry into the Colwich rail disaster yesterday was told that the driver of the London to Manchester train took it through a red light, straight into the path of a 100mph express train, because he was unaware of crucial signal changes made a month earlier.

Policy put to Liberals on defence

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter. The Liberal leadership yesterday adopted a means of winning party approval for its new defence policy which, it hopes, will by-pass the need for a possibly awkward special assembly.

FitzGerald wins confidence vote

By Richard Ford. The Irish Republic's coalition government won a crucial motion of confidence last night, enabling it to limp on in power until at least the Budget in the new year.

Education think-tank warns of 'emergency'

By Mark Dowd, Education Reporter. A new education "think-tank" was launched yesterday with a warning that Britain's education system is in a state of emergency and is betraying millions of people.

Student leaders forestall violence

Meticulous planning by students at Bristol University forestalled a repetition yesterday of the violent confrontations which have characterized recent student union meetings (David Cross writes).



Mr Brian Shaw (left), the driver of the Manchester-bound train, and Mr Mark Organ, who was travelling in the cab.

Rare thrush eaten by cat

Hundreds of bird watchers, nicknamed "twitchers", went to the Scilly Isles to catch a glimpse of the grey-cheeked thrush, which had been blown off its migration course.

York stone

A six-foot high stone pinnacle weighing half a ton, which was brushed by a steepjack doing restoration work on York Minster, fell to the ground yesterday, hours after the road and footpath below were closed. No one was hurt.

Yorkshire

By the Times overseas. Australia \$2.29; Belgium 6 Frs 50; Canada 70 cents; Denmark 10 00; France 100 francs; Germany DM 3.50; Greece 120 dracmas; Hong Kong \$2.70; India 100 rupees; Italy 100 lire; Japan 100 yen; Korea 100 won; New Zealand \$1.50; Norway 100 kroner; Pakistan 100 rupees; Portugal 100 escudos; Singapore 12 00; South Africa 12 00; Sweden 12 00; Switzerland 5 Frs 20; Taiwan 100 dollars; USA \$1.75; Yugoslavia Din 700.

Kinnock minimizes pledge on pensions

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter. Mr Neil Kinnock yesterday dramatically toned down pension pledges given to the Labour conference by Mr Michael Meacher, his chief Social Services spokesman.

The Labour leader made clear his commitment went no further than an extra £5 a week for single pensioners and £8 for married couples. The conference earlier this month passed overwhelmingly a resolution calling on the next Labour government to raise pensions immediately to not less than half of average earnings for a married couple and not less than a third for single people.

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White Paper

Shake-up in prison offence hearings may be challenged

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

A new system of disciplinary hearings of the more serious offences in prisons, proposed by the Government yesterday, may be challenged by the European Convention on Human Rights, according to the Prison Reform Trust.

A White Paper says local panels of lay adjudicators, forming a single, new prison disciplinary tribunal, should deal with the offences.

But the proposals were condemned yesterday by the trust and Nacro, the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, as potentially unjust.

The White Paper is in response to the report of the Prior Committee, which wanted the tribunal to sit in panels consisting of a legally qualified chairman and two lay members.

A circuit judge would have been appointed president.

The trust told The Times: "We expect that the European Court will be called upon to judge whether the new disciplinary arrangements meet the

test of independence, impartiality and fairness.

"The new arrangements will not be separate from the Home Office as the Home Secretary will be appointing and training members of the new tribunals."

It says that the Government has not accepted the idea of panels chaired by legally qualified chairmen because cases reaching them will not normally be complex enough to justify such legal expertise.

Ministers are also conscious of competing demands on the pool from which judicial appointments are made.

But where there is a need for legal and procedural advice, arrangements will be made for its provision by a legally qualified clerk.

The White Paper says the Prior Committee estimated that about 80 part-time chairmen of panels would be needed to cover the 125 Prison Department establishments.

At least 300 lay members would be required — "not too

many to prevent them from gaining reasonable experience, but not too few to make the fixing of sitting times too difficult and require too much travelling."

The Government has accepted that Boards of Visitors should lose their disciplinary function.

But the disciplinary role and powers of prison governors should remain substantially unchanged.

But Nacro said: "By losing remission in disciplinary hearings, prisoners can be kept in custody for lengthy additional periods."

"To allow a non-judicial body to impose such serious penalties shows a penny-pinching disregard for basic standards of justice."

And the trust says of the disciplinary panel: "It would have no legal expertise, nor would uniform standards of justice be brought to bear in different establishments."

The Prison Disciplinary System in England and Wales (Cmd 9920; Stationery Office: £3.80).

Councillor threatens repeat of pistol shot

By Angella Johnson

The Liberal councillor who brought mayhem to an east London council meeting when he fired a starting pistol into the packed chamber was unrepentant yesterday, and said he would do so again.

Mr Pierre Royan justified terrifying councillors and officials of Hackney council because he said it was the only way he could demonstrate his objection to the ruling Labour group inviting Sinn Fein representatives to attend the meeting on Wednesday night.

"I was driven to it by the extreme action taken by leaving Labour councillors in bringing IRA killers to Hackney on the pretext that they had the support of the local Irish community."

"Initially I had tried to argue the point but when I stood up in the chamber the mayor ignored me and I was forced to take such a drastic step. If this makes them aware just how horrific violence is then it will have been a good thing."

Mr Royan, aged 27, jumped into the central arena of the chamber as a Sinn Fein representative stood to address the meeting and brandished a pistol which he fired into the air.



Mr Royan demonstrating yesterday how he fired the weapon (Photograph: Leslie Lee).

Two more shots were fired, one at the head of Mr Andrew Puddephatt, leader of the Labour group, before Mr Royan was grabbed by angry councillors and the pistol wrestled from his grasp.

It then became apparent that the starting pistol had only fired blanks. Mr Royan had bought it from a local sports shop earlier in the day for £49.

Mr Royan, who is half Irish and half Jewish, is no stranger

to controversy since his election last May for the Moorfields ward.

In July he was ejected from the council chamber after calling the mayor, Mr James Holland, a Fascist. Two days later he was again forcibly ejected after giving a Nazi salute to a Conservative councillor, Mr Joe Lobenstein, a Nazi concentration camp survivor.

This latest outburst could result in his being perma-

nently barred from Hackney Town Hall.

Labour councillors have described his actions as "madness", and are investigating whether there are any legal obstacles to such a ban.

The town hall workers belonging to the National and Local Government Officers' Association are supporting the call for a ban.

Police have not decided if charges will be brought against Mr Royan.

Bar seeks charity status for law unit

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Bar has asked the Charity Commission for charitable status for its Free Representation Unit, whereby barristers act without charge for people who cannot get legal aid, so funds can be raised to expand the service.

Last year the unit handled nearly 1,000 cases, involving £500,000 worth of claims. It operates mostly in industrial and social security appeal tribunals, although it has also taken on cases before other tribunals and the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board; and is now involved in about 8 per cent of all industrial tribunal cases in the London area.

The unit has existed for its 15 years on a small annual budget of £15,000 from the Bar's governing body.

But the increase is far from enough, according to an article in this month's Bar magazine, Counsel. "To put it bluntly, the unit is a victim of its own success", the article says.

"So long as the Government refuses to provide legal aid for representation at administrative tribunals, those who cannot afford legal representation and who have no trades unions to support them either go unrepresented or come to an agency like the unit."

More Nazis living in Britain claim

By Nicholas Beeston

The Nazi-hunter who unearthed the names of 17 alleged war criminals living in Britain, gave a warning yesterday that further suspects "would definitely" be traced to this country in the near future.

Mr Efraim Zuroff, the director of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Jerusalem, whose research of post-war immigration documents has uncovered war criminals in Australia and now Britain, predicted that the new evidence could identify "several hundred people around the world who never dreamed they would be caught."

On Wednesday, Rabbi Marvin Hier, Dean of the Los Angeles-based centre, handed a dossier to Mr Donald Balbanyne, the British Consul-General in Los Angeles, containing the names and some addresses of 17 people suspected of the death of thousands of Latvians and Lithuanians. All the suspects are thought to be alive.

The names have not been released and the dossier was being sent yesterday to the Prime Minister and Home Office.

A spokesman at the Home Office said he could not comment about the disclosures until the papers arrived and were inspected. It is believed to be the first time that alleged Nazis have been traced to Britain.

Rabbi Hier made it clear to the Government that he wants the suspects tried or deported to Israel.

A spokesman for the Israeli Embassy said that it was not always Israeli policy to seek the extradition of war criminals, if they were tried abroad.

Mr Zuroff said that the suspects emigrated to Britain between 1945 and 1950 in the flood of post-war refugees that swept over Europe.

Some of the former Nazis had changed their names and attempted to cover their true identities, but "some were so confident of never being discovered they are still using their real names".

The suspects, who include an SS battalion commander, are accused of taking part in the slaughter of 220,000 Lithuanian Jews and 95,000 Latvian Jews.

Falklands war goods for auction

By Robin Young

Three shiploads of vehicles and heavy duty machinery used to construct airfields in the Falkland Islands are covering seven acres of Liverpool dockland waiting to go under the hammer.

Ninety per cent of the Falklands war surplus went out new to the islands in 1983. Some of it has come back unused, having been kept in reserve throughout the construction work on the Port Stanley airstrip and the all-purpose airport on Mount Pleasant.

Mr Roger Rimmer, managing director of Boundary Plant, Liverpool, is co-ordinating the sale. Buyers are expected to come from all over the world.

Mr Tam Dalyell, the Labour MP who has been a critic of Mrs Margaret Thatcher's Falklands policy, said that he would be raising the issue in Parliament.

"I have been to Liverpool, and I understand that £10 million is an underestimate of the value of this machinery. "If half the money that has been spent on this military requirement had been devoted to inner-city areas, the centres of cities like Liverpool, Leeds and Glasgow would look a lot better for it."

13 accused over £20m drugs ring

Thirteen people were charged at a court in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, yesterday with running an international drug ring which handled 4.5 tons of marijuana worth nearly £20 million.

Police in Florida received a tipoff from Scotland Yard officers who were investigating the Brinks-Mat robbery at Heathrow in 1983. In London, a married couple, the latest to be charged in connection with the £26 million Brinks-Mat gold bullion raid, were remanded in custody for a week at Horseferry Road court yesterday.

John Elcombe, aged 39, and his wife, Anne, aged 38, antique dealers of Higham House, Old Chatham Road, Sandling, Maidstone, Kent, are charged with dishonestly receiving £710,000 cash proceeds of stolen gold bullion.

24 charged in cement case

Twenty-four employees of the Blue Circle Cement Company accused of conspiracy, were remanded on bail until November 20 at West London Magistrates Court yesterday.

They are all accused of conspiring to steal cement from the company.

Tote wins court ban on private pools firm

Britain's first private-enterprise horse racing pools firm was closed down by a High Court judge yesterday.

Mr Justice Potts granted the Horserace Totalisator Board (the tote) an injunction banning Atlantic Racing Pools of Liverpool from organizing a pool on any recognized horse race.

The injunction was granted after a 45-minute private hearing in London at which its lawyers argued that the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 gave the tote a complete monopoly on racing pools.

Mr Stephen George, aged 24, the chairman of Atlantic Racing, referring afterwards to the tote's own short-lived racing pool, which closed down after 31 weeks in 1973, said: "They have shut us down because they cannot do it themselves."

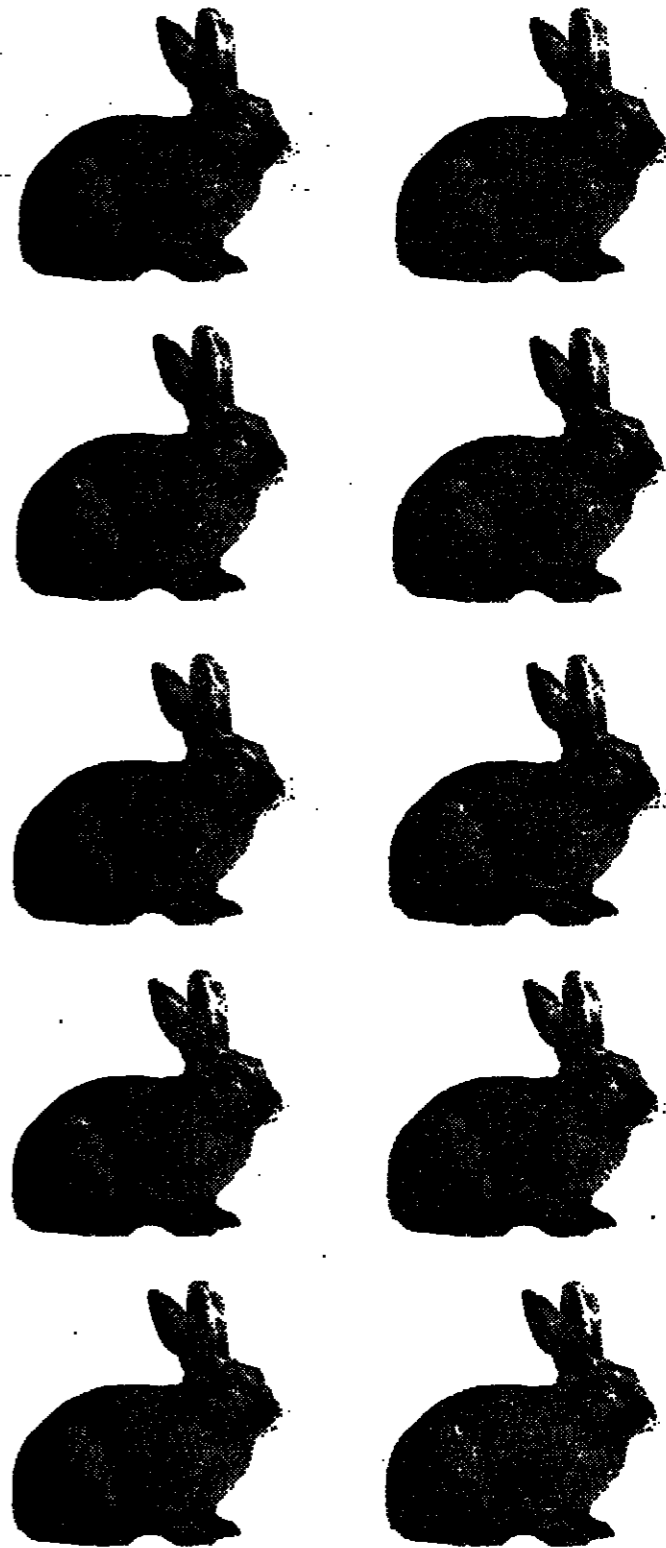
He said the pool had attracted as many as 3,500 coupons a week and had been launched with his own savings of £2,000 and £7,000 from his partner, Mr Simon Formby, aged 27, the managing director of Atlantic Racing.

He said: "Before we started we were both on the dole. Now we will have to close down."

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Britain gets tough in drive for cheaper European air fares

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Britain is preparing to get tough in its attempts to gain greater freedom for airlines within Europe.

Mr Michael Spicer, the Aviation Minister, issued a warning yesterday that he would use existing legislation to force British airlines to comply with competition laws.

His statement reflected the Government's growing frustration with the lack of progress towards liberalization of air fares and routes within Europe.

Talks aimed at improving competition and allowing lower fares within Europe appear to be floundering as some nations opposed to liberalization continue to fight a package of measures being put to the European Council of Ministers.

But Britain is determined to try to reach some kind of agreement while still president

of the council, and is pushing hard for the package to be adopted at the next planned meeting of ministers on November 10.

"It represents a realistic first step towards total liberalization," Mr Spicer told an *Air Finance Journal* conference in London.

"Unless the council can agree to it or something very like it we will have no alternative but to introduce our own machinery, under Article 88 of the Treaty, to scrutinize and rule on air transport competition issues in the Community," he said in a reference to the Treaty of Rome.

Mr Spicer said agreement could be reached to allow airlines to offer a greater choice of cheap fares, including those that would no longer have the traditional highly restrictive requirement that

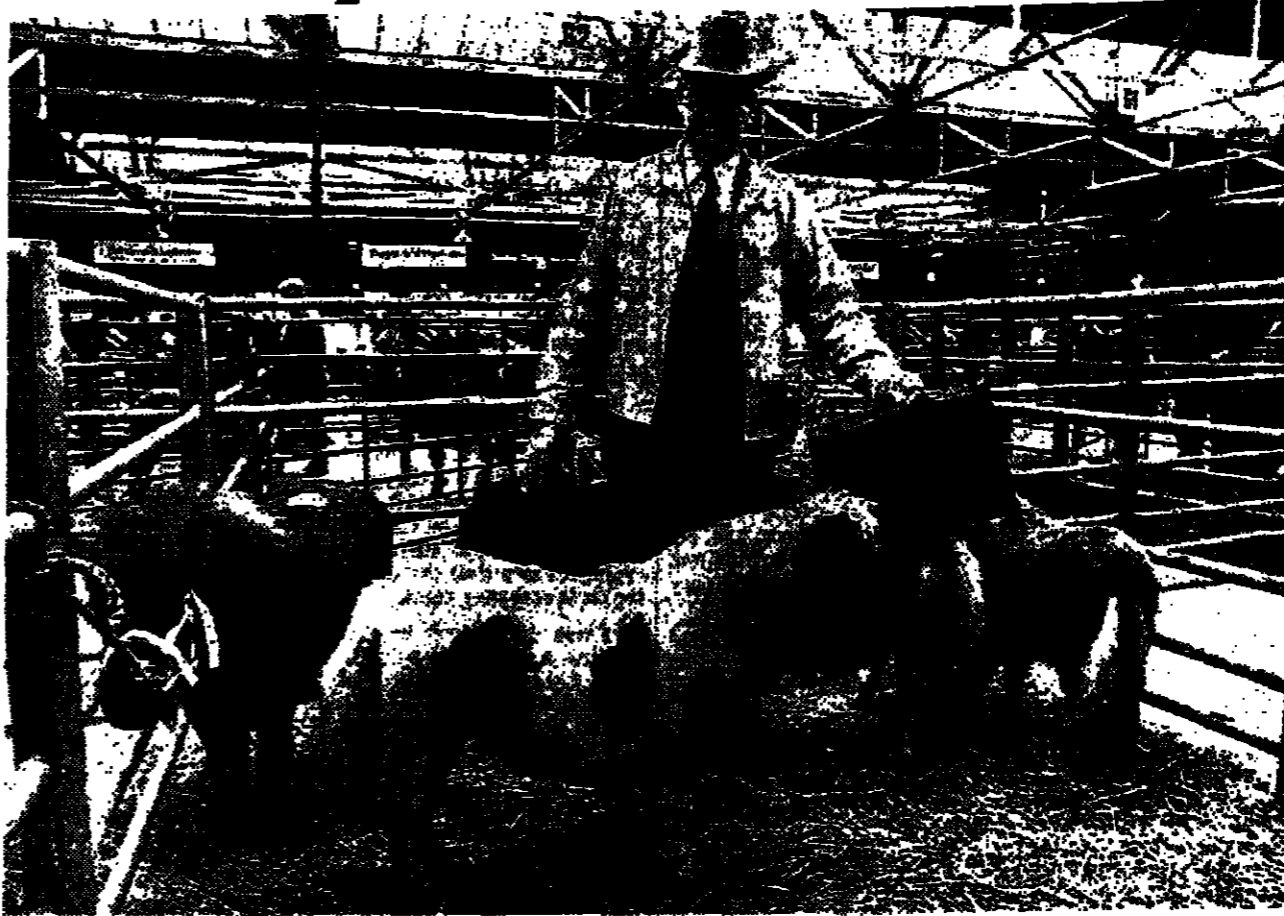
people must stay a Saturday night.

But, he said, "there is no question of the United Kingdom agreeing to any arrangement which does not satisfy the principle that airlines must be able to compete on major routes. We are not going to sign an agreement which we consider does not satisfy this basic principle."

"The alternative, and, in our view, much less preferred approach, will be for the European Commission and individual member states to apply with their full rigour the competition rules of the Treaty of Rome."

Hard evidence existed of the benefits of greater competition in air fares and of liberalization. "The challenge now is how best to move towards a genuine internal market for air travel within the whole of the European Community," Mr Spicer said.

Shetland ponies a hit with Americans



Mr D M Wolfe Jr, from North Carolina, with some of the nine Shetland ponies he bought for £7,000 when he attended Britain's biggest sale of the animals at an auction in Reading this week.

Mr Wolfe, manager of a stud farm for miniature horses, also bought the smallest pony for export, which stood only 21 inches high (Angela Johnson writes).

More than 280 ponies from all over the country came under the hammer, raising about £43,000. They will either be used for breeding or show.

The ponies, including 27 from the Shetland Isles, appeared in the central ring at Reading cattle market. Six hundred buyers from Europe and the United States had

been attracted for the event. The most expensive buy was a 10-year-old chestnut mare which was bought by a stud farmer in the Netherlands for 825 guineas (£866).

A black-and-white Skewbald foal born in May gained the highest bid for a filly and went to a breeder in Haverford West, Wales, for 88 guineas. Thimbleby and Shorlandthe

organizers, said they were delighted with the success of the eighteenth Shetland Pony Show.

A hoarse-voiced Mr Michael Kimber, who had shouted the biddings from 10 am until 4 pm, whispered: "It was a great day because there were so many exceptionally good ponies on show."

Photograph: Mark Pepper

Fair ban after cruelty protests

The traditional annual sale of wild Eynor ponies at next week's Bampton Fair in Devon has been banned for the first time in 128 years after protests from animal welfare groups.

The ban comes after a battle between animal protection groups, the town council, and the auctioneers who have been accused of selling dying ponies and keeping them in sub-standard facilities.

Mrs Dec Ivey, a committee member of the Horse and Pony Protection Association and the Dartmoor Livestock Protection Society, said she was delighted with the ban.

"For many years animal protection societies have been very concerned about the inadequate facilities for penning, selling, sorting and loading the ponies," she said.

Mrs Ivey said that 99 per cent of the ponies sold at the fair had never had contact with humans. "Then they are suddenly transported in lorries which terrifies them."

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals described the accommodation of ponies at previous annual sales as "dangerous".

Bampton Fair is one of the institutions of the West of England, and the first mention of it in history appears to be during the reign of Henry III.

Tunnel 'disaster' for Waterloo

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Channel tunnel will lead to an extra 20 million passengers a year passing through Waterloo station, five million more than the annual total for Gatwick airport, MPs were told yesterday.

The result would be the devastation of that area of south-east London.

Lambeth council, giving evidence to the select committee examining the Channel Tunnel Bill, called for a full public inquiry before the station was approved as the tunnel's London terminal.

The council also claimed that British Rail had failed to consult it on plans which include a substantial expansion of the existing station, with five new platforms, new car parks, new customs and immigration facilities, and a widening of railway lines out of the station. The necessary land would be compulsorily purchased.

Mr Robert Coleman, chairman of Lambeth's planning committee, said that the huge influx of passengers, an increase of up to 48 per cent on present levels, would stretch

Underground services to the limit and mean an additional 23,000 taxi, car and coach arrivals daily.

Pointing to the effect on Victoria of fewer than three million ferry passengers, he said that the terminal would lead to irresistible pressure for hotels, guest houses, souvenir shops, offices, travel agents and restaurants in the vicinity, thus overturning the council's aim of giving priority to local needs.

The development "would transform the present character of the Waterloo area, and have serious adverse effects on the present community."

The select committee will next week hear more than 100 petitions from local groups and residents opposed to the use of Waterloo.

Outside the hearing Mr Coleman said: "London must be given the chance to avert what promises to be the planning disaster of the decade - only a full and proper public inquiry will allow us to do that."

BA denied flights to Botswana

British Airways has been refused a licence to fly to Botswana as part of the airline's contingency plans to beat any future air sanctions against South Africa (Our Air Correspondent writes).

The Civil Aviation Authority ruled yesterday that the airline would have to ask for a specific exemption if it wanted to mount an emergency service.

The authority has, however, granted an application by British Caledonian to fly to Gaborone, the capital of Botswana, starting next April. The authority said: "The case put forward by British Airways for a Gaborone licence was intrinsically different from British Caledonian's in that they hoped never to have to use it."

The ruling came after a week-long public inquiry, much of which was held in camera when British Airways had successfully argued that their evidence was too sensitive politically and economically to be heard in public. British Airways refused to comment on the decision

MPs accused by Powell of failing in duty

Mr Enoch Powell last night accused a Commons select committee of dereliction of duty in failing to investigate his claims of American involvement in Ireland's affairs (Martin Fletcher writes).

The Ulster Unionist MP, who suggested last weekend that Americans were behind the 1979 assassination of Mr Airey Neave, told a meeting in Co Down the Foreign Affairs committee had been "astonishingly backward in investigating these matters".

Sir Anthony Kershaw, chairman of the committee, yesterday described the conspiracy theories as "absolute balderdash".

Advertising war Arch rivals at loggerheads

By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent

Britain's leading advertising men have taken a break from selling toothpaste to take jobs at each other.

Satchi and Satchi, Britain's largest agency, with billings in 1985 of £180 million, yesterday took out full-page advertisements in *The Times*, *The Daily Telegraph* and *The Independent* to respond to the assault launched on it the day before by J Walter Thompson, the second largest agency with billings of £155 million.

"Being attacked by JWT is like being savaged by a dead sheep," Satchi said, pointing out that it has won 46 major creative awards in the last three years, compared with five won by Thompson.

The advertisement warned Thompson of the golden rule in the use of "knocking" copy: "Don't do it if you're vulnerable yourself."

The advertisement, believed to have cost Satchi about £40,000, was in reply to a £16,000 Thompson advertisement in *The Financial Times* on Wednesday, in which it claimed to be growing faster than Satchi's.

It said Thompson had brought in £45.2 million in additional billings this year, against Satchi's £28 million. In a reference to Satchi's recent problematic acquisition of the Ted Bates agency, which has resulted in a sharp fall in Satchi's share price, Thompson reminded its

arch rival that advertising is about "selling, not buying". Mr Jeremy Bullmore, chairman of Thompson, said yesterday that he ordered the advertisement to be run "because we're getting business on merit, not with a cheque-book."

"If our advertisement was like being savaged by a dead sheep, one wonders why they spent £40,000 responding to it."

He also claimed that the dead sheep line was not even original, saying it was first used by Mr Denis Healey, when he was Chancellor of the last Labour Government, in reply to a parliamentary attack by Sir Geoffrey Howe.

Youth denies assault and knife charges

Mr Ben Gillick, aged 18, was remanded on bail at East Devon Magistrates' Court, Lincolnshire, yesterday on charges of assault and possessing an offensive weapon.

Mr Gillick, of Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, denied assaulting Mr Scott Crowson and also carrying a sheath knife last August 23.

A charge against Mr Crowson, aged 18, of West Walton, Norfolk, of assaulting Mr Richard Backer, a friend of Mr Gillick, was withdrawn.

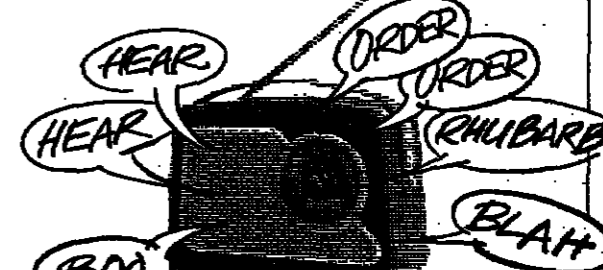
Heart death

A heart-lung transplant patient, Mrs Veronica Atkinson, of Sierling Avenue, Jarrow, Tyne and Wear, died yesterday at Harefield Hospital in west London. She was 48.

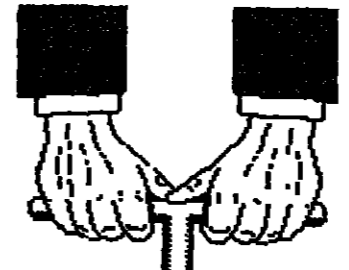
WHERE TO LOOK TO FIND OUT WHAT ON EARTH'S GOING ON.



THE WORLD THIS WEEK
Made in Britain but that's where the nationalism stops. 'The World This Week' presents world events from a truly international point of view.
At 10.00 every Sunday morning, get a complete perspective on the planet you live on, without the flag waving.



A WEEK IN POLITICS
At 8.15 each Friday, new presenter Nick Ross and his team give a deeper insight into the world of politics than even a live broadcast from Westminster can.



THE BUSINESS PROGRAMME
5.15 on Sundays should be permanently fixed in the minds of all those with an interest in finance, industry and the City.
Over the weeks 'The Business Programme' will cover events like the 'Big Bang', takeover bids, in fact all the stories that make the headlines in the business world.

DIVERSE REPORTS
Each week a major political, social or economic subject is seen from an acute angle.
At 8.30 on Wednesday, will you see eye to eye or be eyeball to eyeball with your TV screen?

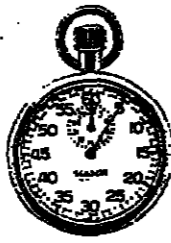


CHANNEL 4 NEWS
With in-depth coverage of the main story of the day, regular features on the Arts, Science and industry and its penetrating journalistic style, Channel 4 News compares favourably with an hour long read of a quality broadsheet. Catch it every evening at 7.00.

UNION WORLD
At 6.30 every Thursday, the only programme of its kind gives its weekly update on the fabric of the unions.
Even if you're not one of the nine million workers under the banner of a union, it still makes sense to say 'Aye' and watch.

KEEP YOUR EYE ON **4**

Fifteen no make that a dozen ways to save time in the office.



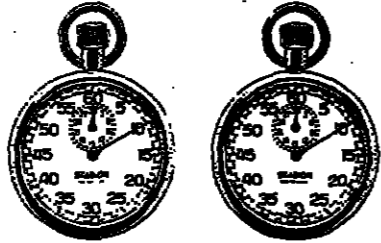
1. Matters that don't matter.

Do not waste time on trifles, for time is money. The Texan billionaire Haroldson Hunt realised this and gave up smoking cigars in his office for the simple reason that, "I wasted \$300,000 a year just in the time I spent unwrapping and lighting them".

Emulate Einstein's approach to trivial tasks. He used to wash and shave with the same soap, claiming that to use two kinds would "complicate life needlessly". (You could take this a stage further by following Frederick the Great, who went years without washing at all — but only if you have an office to yourself.)

Be quick to spot when your time is being wasted. A young composer came to play the great Rossini two pieces he had written, in order to see which he preferred.

Half-way through the first piece, Rossini interrupted him. "You need not play any more," he said. "I prefer the other one."



2. Double time.

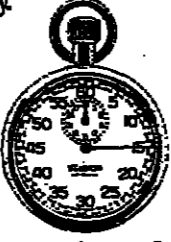
If you can do two things at once, so much the better.

Theodore Roosevelt conducted conferences while being shaved by the White House barber — and Catherine de Medici gave audiences on state business as she dressed.

It is unlikely, however, that you will match the dexterity of the playwright J. M. Barrie.

When he lost the use of his right hand, he practised writing with his left to keep up his work. Later, his right hand recovered — by which time he was so skilled with his left that from then on he used both at once, writing dialogue with his right hand and stage directions with his left.

There must be many people who would give their right arm for such a skill today.



3. The shortcomings of short cuts.

Occasionally you may find that you have to cut a few corners to get a job done on time.

The golden rule in such circumstances is simple: don't get caught.

One man who failed to get away with it was the composer and pianist Percy Grainger.

After he had given a rendering of Greig's 'Ballade' to an audience on Long Island, New York, he was accused of having shortened it. He had to admit it was true.

"I dropped six pages out of the middle so I could catch the 4.58," he said.



4. Pest control.

Taking your telephone off the hook and consigning your paging device to the depths of Britain's underground waterways will free you from many unwanted interruptions — but you will still have to deal with the inevitable plague of personal callers.

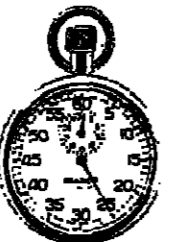
The best way of doing this was demonstrated by our ambidextrous playwright, J. M. Barrie.

A reporter once turned up uninvited on his doorstep and greeted him with, "Sir James Barrie, I presume?"

"You do," retorted Barrie, and shut the door in his face.

If such abruptness should strike you as being unacceptably rude, however, follow the example of John Ruskin, who forestalled unwelcome visitors by sending out the following circular:

"Mr. J. Ruskin is about to begin a work of great importance and therefore begs that in reference to calls and correspondence you will consider him dead for the next two months."



5. How to lick your bum.

At the end of every working day, the British field marshal

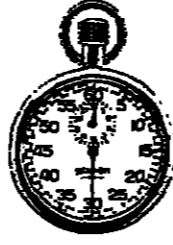
Harold Alexander would tip all the letters remaining in his In tray into his Out tray. Eventually, his assistant asked him why.

"It saves time," explained Alexander. "You'd be surprised how little of it comes back."

Yet this method of dealing with correspondence appears ultra-cautious when compared with that of Rita Hayworth.

A friend once found her working her way through a pile of letters, tearing up most of them unopened. "Stop!" he cried. "There may be cheques in there!"

"There are," replied Rita, unperturbed. "But there are bills too. I find they even up."



6. Keep your lips as short as possible.

Procrastination, like all other long words, is the thief of time — and therefore to be avoided.

Similarly, there is no need for tautology, as it is quite unnecessary, while jargon is of non-positive utility vis-à-vis the temporal optimality of information-communication.

Aim instead for the brevity of this note sent by a schoolboy to his father:

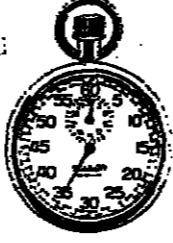
"S.O.S. L.S.D. R.S.V.P."

(He was asking for money, incidentally.)

Or, if you are replying to a letter, bear in mind the Spartans of ancient Greece. They received a message from their enemies, the Athenians, which read:

"Unless you meet our conditions, we shall wage war on you and, if we defeat you, shall ravage your country, raze your cities to the ground, slaughter your menfolk and enslave your women and children."

The Spartans, being formidable warriors themselves, simply replied: "If . . ."



7. Brief briefings and short reports.

Reading and writing business reports can be a time-consuming affair — unless you are like Ike.

During his first term of office, Eisenhower appointed Arthur Burns as his first chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors.

At their first meeting, Burns suggested that he should send the president a memo outlining a plan for organising the flow of economic advice to the White House.

"Keep it short," said Ike. "I can't read."

"We'll get along fine," smiled Burns. "I can't write."

In the end, the two cut out the paperwork altogether by settling on a one-hour weekly conference of the council and president.



8. High-speed gas.

Meetings are without doubt the biggest waste of time in business life — for when all is said and done, there is always far more said than done.

Where possible, adopt the practice of Henry Ford, who used to visit his executives when a problem arose, rather than call them to his own office.

"I go to them to save time," he explained. "I've found that I can leave the other fellow's office a lot quicker than I can get him to leave mine."

Another way to speed up your meetings is to set strict time limits beforehand — whatever the importance of the person you are to talk to.

When the German Kaiser met Theodore Roosevelt after the funeral of King Edward VII, he asked him to call on him the next day "at two o'clock sharp — for I can give you only 45 minutes".

"I will be there at two," replied Roosevelt, "but unfortunately, I have just 20 minutes to give you."



9. Don't wait around.

Irving Thalberg, the U.S. film producer, was usually so busy that his working hours were double- or triple-booked — with the result that people often had to wait for hours in his ante-room before they could see him.

When the Marx brothers came to talk to him about 'A

Night at the Opera', however, they refused to waste time just sitting around.

Groucho, Chico and Harpo each lit two fat cigars and began puffing smoke through the crack around his door.

Eventually Thalberg rushed out. "Is there a fire?" he shouted.

"No, there's the Marx brothers," the three replied, and marched into his office.



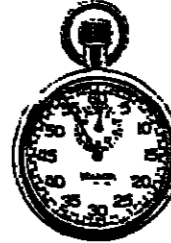
10. Never put off till tomorrow what you can put on to someone else.

Delegating tasks to others is often the key to getting things done quickly.

(Consider Robinson Crusoe, who always got his work done by Friday.)

The quality of the finished work need not be impaired; after all, the great Flemish artist Rubens often employed less gifted men to help him out.

By the time he was thirty, he had more orders for paintings than he could cope with on his own — so he allowed others to prepare his canvasses and paint in the foundation details, while he merely applied the finishing touches.



11. Expert advice — at a price.

Do not hesitate to seek outside help when confronted with a problem which is clearly beyond you.

General Electric of America once suffered a breakdown in a complex system of machines and spent ages trying (without success) to locate the fault themselves.

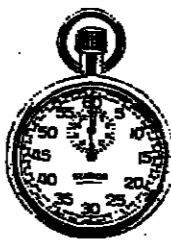
Eventually, they called in Charles Steinmetz, an electrical engineer who had retired from GE some time previously. Steinmetz spent a little while walking around, testing various parts of the machinery. Finally, he took a piece of chalk out of his pocket and marked an X on a particular spot.

The machine was stripped down — and the GE men were astonished to find that the defect lay precisely where Steinmetz had made his mark.

There is a further point to this story, though: you must be prepared to pay the price for such expertise.

When General Electric received a bill from Steinmetz for \$10,000 a few days later, they protested about the amount and asked him to itemise it. Steinmetz duly sent back an itemised bill:

"Making one chalk mark . . . \$ 1
Knowing where to put it . . . \$ 9,999"



12. The time machine.

Always use the fastest office equipment available to you — such as the LQ2500, the new 24-pin dot-matrix printer from Epson.

It shoots along at an amazing 270 characters per second in draft — and at 90 c.p.s. in correspondence-quality mode, it will certainly help you make short work of all your business letters. (See again section 6.)

The print quality of the LQ2500 is equally sharp, for it has five letter-quality fonts built in. Furthermore, changing between them does not involve the lengthy business of making software commands; to choose a new typestyle, you simply press one or two buttons on the LCD 'Selectype' panel on the front.

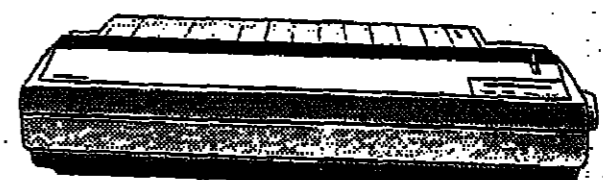
The LQ2500 comes with a powerful 8K buffer as standard to allow your computer to get on with other tasks while it is printing. (See again section 2.)

IBM-compatibility also comes as standard — and of course, the LQ2500 is every bit as reliable as you would expect an Epson to be.

Yet it costs only £995 (RRP exc. VAT) — with the option of 7-colour printing for a mere £60 extra (RRP exc. VAT).

For further information, either: write to Epson (U.K.) Limited, Freeport, Birmingham B37 5BR; call up Prestel *280#; or dial 100 and ask for Freephone Epson.

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Honecker visit to Peking heralds renewal of party links

From Robert Grieves, Peking

Mr Deng Xiaoping, China's paramount leader, and Herr Erich Honecker of East Germany lunched at the Great Hall of the People yesterday after an historic meeting which marks the first official visit to the People's Republic by the East German leader.

Herr Honecker's six-day visit to China is the first by an East German leader since the two countries established diplomatic relations in 1949. It also heralds the resumption of Communist Party ties between the two countries.

The Chinese Communist Party had formulated "some new views on China's external and domestic policies and on building its relations with other (communist) countries".

"We have adopted a forward-looking attitude in building domestic and international affairs," Mr Deng said.

Herr Honecker said relations had improved "step by step" since 1978, when Mr Deng and his supporters embarked on China's open door policy.

East European analysts in Peking said Peking's new overtures to Warsaw Pact nations have Moscow's tacit blessing. Chinese Communist Party officials insist, however, that China would like to forge diplomatic and party links with Eastern Europe that are independent of the Soviet Union's influence.



Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader, meeting Mr Deng Xiaoping in Peking.

Chinese TV turns back the pages

Peking — Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck, the famous Walt Disney cartoon characters who epitomize Western pop culture, are about to invade the People's Republic of China (Robert Grieves writes).

They will star in their own television series, *Mickey and Donald*, which will have its

premiere on Sunday on China Central Television (CCTV). A total of 104 half-hour episodes will be broadcast on consecutive Sunday evenings during the next two years.

"The image of Mickey Mouse has long been known in China, but this is the first time that it has been shown on Chinese television," said Mr

Hong Minsheng, CCTV's deputy director.

He estimated that 30 million Chinese children will initially watch each episode of the cartoon series. So far, 10 episodes have been dubbed in Chinese.

Mickey Mouse, created in 1928, was widely known in pre-Communist China.

Judiciary fears police state in Spain

From Harry Debelius Madrid

Spain is in danger of becoming a police state, Madrid's criminal judges claimed in a communiqué published here yesterday. They called for a parliamentary probe into growing police powers, abuse of authority and corruption.

It was the second warning about police from a judiciary body in barely a week. A group of Basque magistrates have expressed fears that recent incidents, such as the Government's order to 90 Civil Guard policemen to refuse to obey a summons from a Bilbao judge investigating torture claims, might amount to the creation of a special status for policemen in the courts.

The Madrid Criminal Judges Board drafted its communiqué after learning of an alleged police investigation into the private life of a magistrate who is handling a case in which several policemen are accused in connection with an informer's disappearance.

The Madrid judges expressed doubts about the Government's ability to control the police forces, saying: "The plain fact is that experience demonstrates that a free hand for police creates a breeding ground for a climate of undesirable corruption."

Guatemala to lift Belize sanctions in bid to settle row

From Paul Valley, Guatemala City

The Guatemalan Government is about to lift economic sanctions and trade restrictions which it imposed against Belize five years ago, when Britain granted independence to the colony amid Guatemalan sovereignty claims.

The move is part of the build-up to a new attempt within the next few months by the Government of President Cerezo, which took office this year after four years of military rule, to settle the dispute.

Foreign Ministry officials here have almost completed a set of proposals to put before Britain and Belize early next year, Señor Francisco Villagrán, the Guatemalan vice-minister for Foreign Affairs, said. The economic embargo would be lifted as a prelude to opening the way to Guatemalan investment.

"We have sensed a real desire for that in discussions with businessmen here," he said.

The Cerezo Government's proposals are understood to include elements which offer a basis for negotiation which is different from those of the unsuccessful 1983 and 1985 tripartite talks on the former British Honduras.

"We are willing to consider different options, even the option of joint development projects and the joint exploitation of resources," Señor Villagrán said.

Guatemala also hopes that Britain, which continues to station troops in Belize at the request of the Government, would offer technical and economic assistance in some of the joint projects.

"We feel Britain should continue to play a role. After all Great Britain is responsible for the problem, not Belize," Señor Villagrán said. He said reports during President Cerezo's recent visit to Europe which said Guatemala was relinquishing its claim to Belize were "over-stated."

"They came from a problem with translation," he said. "But what is true is that there is a radical difference between the attitude of previous governments and the willingness of President Cerezo to recognize the existence of a distinct community living in that territory."

Officials here now privately acknowledge Belize's right to self-determination and recognize that they will have to negotiate directly with the administration there. Until now Guatemala's stance has

been that all negotiations can only be with Britain.

But in public they are forced to be more circumspect. "For the past three decades the Guatemalan people have been consistently misinformed and told that they had a realistic chance of getting Belize back," Señor Villagrán said. "It is a very sensitive issue here. There are some political forces that have consistently used the issue to demonstrate their nationalistic credentials. Now we need time to educate public opinion."

The constitution adopted last year before the elections indicated a softening of the Guatemalan position on Belize, but required that any settlement should be approved by a plebiscite.

Diplomats here believe that, although the public is largely apathetic on the Belize question, the unsophisticated electorate is still hesitant democracy could easily be led by the opposition into treating the referendum as a vote of confidence in a government whose popularity is already diminishing.

The crux of the dispute lies in Guatemala's sense that its remote Peten region is isolated without access to the Atlantic through Belize. Peten is currently being explored by oil companies, who believe it to have large mineral reserves.

Its dense jungles are also one of the main bases of the country's rebel guerrillas since the previous military government adopted a policy of forcing the Indian inhabitants of strategic highland villages to live in military outposts.

"It is an issue of internal security and economic survival. Support for rebels is not a problem under the present administration in Belize but it has been a matter of concern in the past that Guatemalan guerrillas may have been allowed to use Belize as sanctuary or as a supply line," Señor Villagrán said. Guatemala could not allow its security to depend upon the whims of the Prime Minister of Belize.

The resumption of good relations with Britain is thought particularly important here at a time when Britain holds the presidency of the EEC.

Many of Guatemala's bilateral loans—their \$2.25 billion (£1.55 billion) debt are with EEC members and the Government is anxious to renegotiate several of them.

Red Cross chief attacks abuses

From Alan MacGregor, Geneva

"Far too often, in the ever-growing number of conflicts, the methods and means employed to injure the enemy have contravened the most basic rules of international humanitarian law." Such is the conclusion of Mr. Alexandre Hay, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) President, regarding numerous violations of the Geneva Conventions in the past five years.

As examples, he cites execution of prisoners, terrorism, execution of hostages, indiscriminate bombing and use of prohibited weapons.

His criticisms are the starting point for attempts by the International Red Cross conference, which opened yesterday, to reassess the value of the conventions.

There are delegates from 150 countries, representing governments, national Red Cross societies and the ICRC.

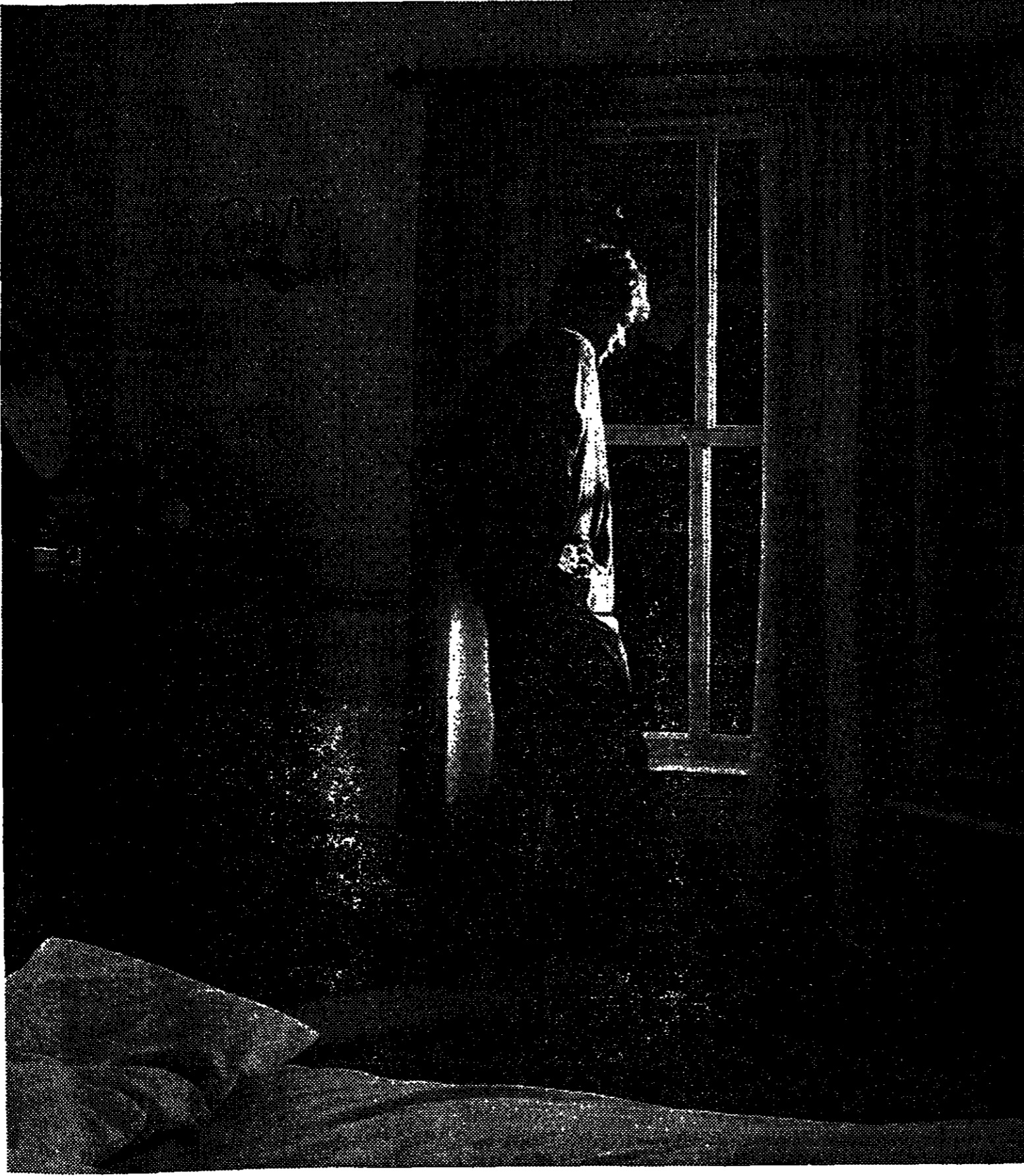
African countries' proposals to exclude South African Government delegates from the conference seem unlikely to be pressed, following the unanimous support for the South African Red Cross Society, in the League of Red Cross Societies' meetings prior to the conference.

Mr Hay endorsed a resolution saying it "deserves our fullest support, give it all the tools to carry on its work". As the activities of ICRC delegates — visiting detainees and going into the townships — as well as the work of the national societies, clearly imply continuing South African Government sanction, a compromise on the exclusion is expected.

Two assessment reports, one by Sussex University, the other by business consultants Price Waterhouse, highlight instances of League incompetence in dealing with the African famine situation.

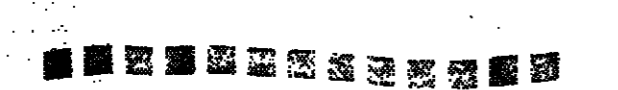
"We cannot avoid the conclusion that had the League been better prepared in policies, organization, procedures and professionalism, many more lives would have been saved and much suffering averted," the university survey says.

The reports, commissioned by the League secretariat for £10,000, underline that the secretariat needs to be enlarged and strengthened to carry the responsibilities assigned to it.



Will the Big Bang keep you awake at nights?

You've probably heard the noise about the Big Bang, even if you haven't been listening out for it. And it's only sensible to keep a watchful eye on what's going on.



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Hungary tries to blunt uprising anniversary

From Richard Bassett, Budapest

Thirty years after students in Budapest demanded political reforms which sparked off the Hungarian uprising, the authorities here remain at pains to play down any spontaneous references to the revolution.

Yesterday, there were no official anniversary ceremonies as such public displays could be seen as provocative.

Instead, articles in the official press — drawn from a new history of Hungary — are playing down the violence of 30 years ago.

One article emphasized that at first the Hungarian tanks "received orders not to bring any ammunition with them". In another, the blame for the events of October 23, 1956, were put squarely on "bourgeois right-wing groups bent on inciting mass hysteria".

The Government and the party were unprepared for armed provocations, it said. "Only in the late evening hours of October 23 was the decision taken to order regiments from the provinces to come to Budapest and to ask for the assistance of Soviet troops."

This emphasis on Hungarian Soviet co-operation is a recurring theme in the official media's portrayal of the 1956 uprising.

Handwritten Arabic text: ليس من الامور

Speculation on early election

Lange popularity soars leaving National opposition in disarray

From Richard Long, Wellington

New Zealand's opposition National Party was in turmoil last night after a nationwide political poll showed the Government leading by a 14 point margin...

even this is down only 1 per cent to 25 per cent approval. Mr David Lange, the Prime Minister, would make no immediate comment on the poll...

when people were questioned as to who was their preferred prime minister, Mr Lange recorded 31 per cent support and Mr Bolger dropped to 13.5 per cent...

Duke bids a sad farewell to Gurkhas

From Alan Hamilton Hong Kong

The 12-day travelling Royal circus of the Far East finally folded its tents yesterday with the Queen flying home in an aura of goodwill from her Hong Kong subjects.



The Duke of Edinburgh clapping his hands in a traditional Nepalese greeting while inspecting a Gurkha regiment at Lyemun Barracks, Hong Kong.

Officers at yesterday's parade were adamant that morale among the 4,500 Gurkhas stationed in Hong Kong was still high, but the incident has clearly rankled among the fiercely proud men.

Lyemun Barracks, the scene of yesterday's sad ceremonial, is an emotive place in Hong Kong's history - it was here that the invading Japanese gained their first foothold in 1941...

"You have given splendid service and I hope you will continue to do so wherever you are posted," he said. "The regiment will go on, and I have absolutely no doubt that it will fulfil its duties with all the enthusiasm and loyalty for which it has become famous since it was raised 84 years ago."

light infantry clip, to the sound of the Gurkhas' own pipe band. As the Duke left, two Gurkha officers' children placed garlands around his neck and it seemed disappointing that they were made only of coloured crepe paper rather than exotic oriental blooms.

Gibraltar deports work-shy Britons

From Dominic Searle Gibraltar

Gibraltar is deporting three young Britons because the authorities believe that they want to go to prison for a regular feed and a good sleep. Ian and Roy Bailey, from Essex, were first arrested in July under newly-introduced "40 winks" legislation.



Mr Enrile in a bargaining mood with Mrs Aquino.

Enrile pact temporary

From Keith Dalton Manila

The reconciliation between President Aquino of the Philippines and Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, her Defence Minister, which on Wednesday averted a possible cabinet split, appeared yesterday to be little more than a temporary truce.

Pakistan hardens kidnap law

An alarming increase in unlawful activity was comprehensively reviewed by Pakistan's Federal Cabinet on Wednesday, when draft legislation providing harsher penalties - including the death sentence or life imprisonment - for kidnapping for ransom were approved.

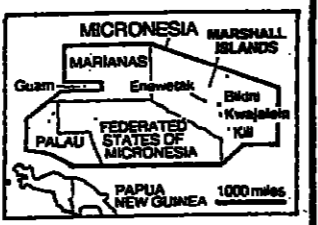
THE NEW FORD TRANSIT. AS TRUSTED WITH GOLD BULLION, INTENSIVE CARE PATIENTS AND MRS. PROWSE'S KETTLE.

The Ford Transit is the overwhelming choice of security companies and ambulance services. That explains the gold bullion and intensive care patients, so where do Mrs. Prowse and her kettle fit in? Well, Mrs. Prowse is a sprightly 68. She's lived for the past 50 odd years in a tiny farm cottage in deepest Cornwall.



Marshall Islands gain independence from US

Majuro, Marshall Islands (Reuters) - The Marshall Islands, which has a top-secret US missile base, was yesterday given semi-independence after 39 years of American rule.



A "compact of free association" will allow the United States to keep its missile range at Kwajalein for at least 30 years with an option for a further extension. Mr Henchi Balos, Minister without Portfolio, said.

Earlier this year a group of islanders staged sit-in protests at Kwajalein, part of a planned

entire fleet with the new model! But White Arrow don't only serve the needs of the G.U.S. group. They also make deliveries for many other companies. In the words of John Abberley, their Managing Director, "White Arrow are specialists in parcel delivery to home and business, challenging for the number one position in parcel distribution."

Naturally, it's available in a wide range of derivatives, all of which can be specified with the world beating 2.5 direct injection diesel engine.



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BOOKS

Brief lives of the Seventies

If I had to dispose of all my books. I'd keep my 30 volumes of the DNB until the last...

Woodrow Wyatt reviews the latest reports on recent saints and sinners

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are touches that lift the entry out of the ordinary. As a young school teacher he was "known to his pupils as Uncle Wiz"...

wanderings through Trinity and neighbouring Cambridge colleges with pruning shears with which he annoyingly lopped the leaves, twigs, and branches of all the trees and bushes...

Professor Bennet-Clark "was an adventurous driver, and many preferred public transport to a lift in his unusual cars, which bore unmistakable evidence of encounters with London Transport buses"...

Frederick Burrows, old railwayman, President of the NLR, was made the last governor of Bengal by Atlee. His rejoinder to the grandee sealer that he knew nothing about hunting and shooting...

William Douglas-Home's charming summary of Ierence Rattigan contains an interesting explanation for his homosexuality. His father "had a

lifelong attachment to "fluffy blondes" which may have steered that impressionable boy, not only into the arms of his mother but also...

Rogues are not left out. We are promised that the famous traitors, Burgess, Maclean, Philby, Blake, Blunt, and the like, will achieve immortality when the time comes.

Mr Ferman is beyond cavil the greatest of living travel writers, and in this work he is exploring the very furthest boundaries of the genre.

Jaunts in the Balkans to the land of dreams

Jan Morris

BETWEEN THE WOODS AND THE WATER

By Patrick Leigh Fermor John Murray, £13.95

amazingly complex and subtle evocation of a place that is no more — if it ever was a place — than a dream...

Mr Ferman's recall of this magic place is more than adequate. He can still hear the snapping of fringed crayfish tails from the rivers of Transylvania...

Rather too many actually. Mr Ferman is perhaps more fascinated by the ways of the lost Austro-Hungarian aristocracy than most of us are...

In short it is only just a travel book at all. It is an

"in the deep Styrian dialect" which he first heard at an inn opposite Pöchlarn, and even perhaps skip the loss of the early 16th-century Dutchman Duodojmo Horace from Amsterdam...

Now and then indeed one wonders if he is pulling our legs. Did the kindly skin-clad Vögus really work his bar?

He was if the narrative is always imaginative, it is never I think false. Mr Ferman is a genuine scholar, but an artist too, and this is one of those works of art in which the whole is much more important than the parts.

Watching a genius at work

Sanda Miller

JE SUIS LE CAHIER

The Sketchbooks of Picasso Edited by Arnold and Marc Glimecher Thames & Hudson, £36

An artist's sketchbook is an amalgam. Drawing after drawing in pencil, crayon, ink, charcoal, or pen or quill, in various stages of completion.

Imagine then one hundred and seventy five such amalgams; and it would still not convey fully the magnitude of the most heroic gesture of this century: Picasso's sketchbooks.

Completely unknown to the public, and only known in fragments to a few scholars, the sketchbooks have now become the subject of a lavishly produced book.

Part of the book consists of six essays contributed by eminent scholars (whereas in John Golding's, each dealing with a fully reproduced sketchbook. It is a visual feast, with each sketchbook printed in full after its essay, rather than in the customary block of illustrations relegated to the back.

More baffling is the treatment by Rosalind Krauss of *Life with Picasso*. One of the central issues, Picasso's love affair with Marie-Therese Walter, is explained by Roman Jakobson's formalist analysis of Mayakovsky.



Eden: debonair man of fashion but serious; Auer: melancholy genius; Rattigan: cheerful but gay

Lord Blake's Anthony Eden in this volume is an admirable example. "Slim, debonair, well dressed, wearing the hat named after him, and talking with the clipped yet languid accents of the Eton and Christ Church of his day, he might have stepped out of a play by Noel Coward. He seemed more like a man of fashion than a serious public figure."

Nearly always the longer entries are a valuable synopsis of careers, more accurate in aim than books on the same subject. Sir Edgar Williams neatly shows Field Marshal Montgomery as a brilliant general marred by vanity, affection, and at times unfairness, while supremely confident in his own importance and rectitude.

Stephen Spender on Auden is a gem. Obviously he is equipped to comment on his poetry, but the references to the non-poetical aspects of Auden's life

box close-packed with syllables working sweetly for their keep. A Watkins poem starts anywhere and ends nowhere, which is to say that his subject matter — Wales, myths, weather, or ghosts, people — consists of so many vague Platonic doors into a single room where his purpose is simple: to celebrate language. Look! he cries, and listen! and awake! The result is a neo-romantic poetry of exclamation marks addressed to the quickening of the senses, but for the most part quickening nothing save a feeling of what an extraordinary gift of the gab the man has, what resources in the thesaurus of his fancy for decking out something essen-

Listen! Look! Wake up!

POETRY

Robert Nye

Completely at ease so that it sounds impressive or arresting: Count up those books whose pages you have read Moulded by water. Waaps this paper made.

Come. You have taken tribute from the dead. Your tribute to the quick must now be paid. What lovelier tribute than to rest your head Beneath this birchtree which is bound to fade? And watch the branches quivering by a thread Beyond interpretation of the shade.

C.H. Sisson in his complete version of The Aeneid (Carcanet, £16.95) makes something wonderfully English of all those classical triumphs; something as readable as his already acclaimed translations of Dante and Catullus; some-

thing with the power to impel: Muse, bring to mind the causes, say what injury To her divinity made the Queen of Heaven Drive this man, so remarkable for his piety Through such a circle of misfortune to face So many drudgeries. Who would have thought There could be such resentment in the gods?

The joke, of course, is that Sisson, whose own original work is so concerned with the inspirations of pessimism, would have thought nothing else. This is a superb English and Sissonish Virgil.

ENTERTAINMENTS

Entertainment listings for various theaters including: CONCERTS, OPERA & BALLET, THEATRES, CINEMAS, ART GALLERIES, and THEATRE OF COMEDY. Listings include dates, times, and prices for various productions.

Botha's man under siege

South Africa's soft-spoken London envoy admits that he is unhappy with the rising tide of violence in his country. But, he told Andrew Duncan, the problems are too often over-simplified by the British media



Beleaguered diplomat Dr Denis Worrall at his embassy: "South Africa gets an inordinate amount of publicity"

Fundamental problems would remain even if all South Africa was black

From outside the windows of his spacious panellied office at the now fortified embassy in Trafalgar Square came the shouts, sometimes through a megaphone, of the protesters who assemble in various numbers every day. The ambassador enters the building through a different door but occasionally he walks past them at lunch-time.

I wanted to raise the level of debate about South Africa

Other ambassadors are in the same situation and I am always included in normal state functions. My wife, who is more outgoing than I am, has established remarkable friendships across all sorts of barriers.



Restrainted protest: police intervene at an anti-apartheid demonstration

"Some people outside South Africa are idealistic about the country and I understand the justness of their cause. I also understand the concerns, fears and aspirations of the Afrikaner who has fought against the British, battled his way up and feels he has contributed enormously to the creation of a state which reflects his historical symbols."

Among the more dogged members of his government, Dr Worrall is considered to be a closet liberal. "I'm confused about that," he said. "Sometimes I think the most useful person to latch on to is Edmund Burke, with his concepts about change and reform."

You have to recognize that there are group needs... and values?

times when I find myself recognizing the imperatives and necessity of moving almost faster than the society itself can take."

He thought for a while and then added: "Look, it's true I'm not happy. No one can be happy with the level of violence, whether it's black on black or heavy-handed police action — that is difficult to live with and demoralizing. Many of us are frustrated that the government doesn't spell out more clearly the far-reaching changes that are taking place, and the image which is projected of South Africa is of concern to anyone who loves his country."

"It is fashionable to perceive it in straight moral black-and-white terms. The danger is that by oversimplifying you trivialize the profound problem which is, how do you resolve the question of political power and privilege? In other countries, Catholics and Protestants, Turks and Greeks, Slovenes and Serbs and Croats have difficulty living together — yet somehow in South Africa Zulus, Afrikaners and Asians are supposed to achieve harmony just like that."

"Because the question of race is a dominant issue in western society, South Africa has become one of the great international public moral issues of the last quarter of the 20th century. I think that reflects a triumph of political propaganda. If you could make everyone in the country black, you would still have fundamental difficulties."

"Last Sunday my youngest son and I cycled to Clapham Common and I saw a soccer team that was all black. Now that's not apartheid because it's voluntary. You have to recognize that there are group needs, interests and values which are not going to disappear. It's only the proscriptive element which we have to do away with — and we are."

"If you apply objective measures of human rights to South Africa, Third World and eastern bloc countries, you would find that South Africa doesn't compare too badly. But," he added bleakly, "I've found it difficult to get that sort of conversation going."

Still picking at the seams of life's tapestry

Comedian Dave Allen, on the eve of a 14-week run of his one-man show, finds himself unmellowed by age

Drivers blasting their horns in a certain elegant Kensington street are likely to find themselves taken to task by an Irish comedian being anything but funny. "I live here and I don't want my life subjected to horn-blowers," Dave Allen tells them. He can see no need for horns in cars other than to release frustration.

He has been living in London since his marriage broke up five years ago. His four grown-up children "live with their mother and live with me". His home reflects his bachelor status and his priorities. The living room is filled with his canvases and paintings, his music, his books. French windows lead to the small country garden he is creating. "I'm working on it gradually, in the same way as I work on my paintings. People say 'You haven't cut the lawn' but I don't want a lawn, I want a meadow filled with buttercups and daisies."

Unnecessary horn-blowing is one of the many *hères naires* which inhabit Allen's life. He conducts a one-man battle against the irritations and aggravations of the hi-tech, profit-orientated, uniform world around him, refusing to condone any of it. And whether he is filling in immigration forms or struggling to open the plastic bags supplied in a roll by supermarkets, his rebellion is absolute.

Allen is, of course, fortunate in having the wit to utilize his prejudices to entertain. "I really do believe that humour is not so much about laughing at other people as at what you do yourself and how you react," he says. "That, he feels, is what the Greeks had in mind when they created their tragic/comic masks. "Drama is how society would like to see itself; what we all are is a load of jokes."



Allen at 50: "authority irks me"

He returns next Thursday to the West End stage for a 14-week run at London's Albery Theatre. He enjoys working alone because it means he can alter his act as he goes along, start at the end and work back to the beginning if he feels like it. Even so, he is happy "darting in and out" of his various professional pursuits as actor, interviewer, documentarian, comic.

As a youngster, his intentions were to follow his father — who rose to become managing director of The Irish Times — into journalism. Instead, he became hooked on performing, a talent he discovered when he first came to England, in order to "eat and live and all that."

"I wasn't really ambitious to do anything in particular," he says of his youth. "I was quite like most Irish — interested in politics because it was a part of life, and social issues, but not to the point where I was a total fanatic about them."

He was a rebel even as a child, playing truant from school and educating himself instead in Dublin's museums and art galleries. "The only guilt I suffered was over the fact that my father was paying quite heavily for my education." In those days, his tussles with bureaucracy were centred on the uniformed commissioner outside his local cinema who got his revenge by giving him the worst seat in the house. "Authority irks me because it doesn't regard people as people but as things or a percentage of something," he says. "I now react to Customs officers in the same way as I did to that commissioner."

He says he does not get lonely as such. "There are certain people in my life whom I miss when I am away from them, but that's not loneliness."

He insists on taking periods of time off from his work. He needs space and tranquility, to paint, to garden, to read, to stand and stare.

"I'm quite laid back. I'll sit down to write something and get up to make a cup of tea and it's seven o'clock in the evening. I suppose that's one way of knowing you're getting older."

Being able to send them up helps, especially in front of an audience. "I don't specifically go out of my way to try to make points but somewhere along the line I make points because I'm annoyed about something. I talk about airports because I know something about airports. I know the chairs are made in a certain way to make them uncomfortable after a certain time. I'm convinced that supermarket trolleys are made that way to make you buy more. I don't like the way people are being engineered, having psychological games played on them."

And then there are those irresistible bughars parading through his life, begging to be publicly slain. His latest is uniformity of language: "the right honourables, your honours, the reverends, his holiness, my learned friend — titles which are, in a sense, there to keep us down. Even in the language we are being conditioned to respect and touch our forelock to the church, politics, the military. I'm not a sergeant comedian."

He is a youthful 50, as entertaining off-stage as on, telling tales in the casual, mocking fashion that has become his trademark. "My humour is an elaboration of my own style," he says. "I probably make it slightly more angry, more involved, just bolder strokes really."

"I think today there is possibly a greater loss of individuality than ever before. If I think of the names of the past — Franco, Hitler, Chamberlain, Churchill, Roosevelt... whatever they were, they were individuals. Now there's a great grey quality about everyone."

Even in his own business there used to be agents who were characters. Now there are lawyers. Thirty years ago I would shake hands for a contract. Now there's clause upon clause and it just goes on and becomes greyer. People have got their heads down now."

He has learnt much about himself over the years. "I know my certain dislikes and tolerance levels. I know that I can be opinionated and that I can be crass at times, boorish even."

He talks to himself, chides himself, compliments himself, tells himself jokes. In the kitchen he adopts the language of the cuisine. "If I'm cooking an Italian meal I drink wine, I wave my hands, and I talk about garlic in an Italian accent."

He enjoys cooking. "I like throwing things in and seeing what happens. I don't believe in the rules."

Sally Brompton
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SATURDAY Portfolio Gold £12,000 to be won Xanadu rediscovered Beached at Bean Vallon Seychelles island-hopping Early for Christmas Gifts by mail order

Talk that's strictly for the birds

Parrot fanciers have been flocking to the Canary Islands to discuss who's a pretty boy, and why Large flocks of parrot enthusiasts of several different species (German, Scandinavian, Filipino, American, British and many others) were observed on the island of Tenerife last week.



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Sale room £110,000 for early atlas

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent
Johannes Blaeu's Atlas Major is the most famous atlas in the history of printed maps and Sotheby's yesterday offered for sale what they described as 'the best copy we have ever handled'...

1818 to Colonel Thomas Wildman, who had been at Harrow with him. A privately printed compilation of Byron's letters from Missolonghi to Samuel Burff at Zaute secured £640 (estimate £200-£250)...

The sale contained books from three main sources, Newcastle Abbey in Nottinghamshire, the central library of the Jesuits in France and an unnamed European nobleman, Newcastle Abbey was Lord Byron's ancestral home which he sold in 1818...



The Duchess of Gloucester (left), Patron of the Asthma Research Council, enjoying ranning a stall at the Asthma gift fair in the Harlingham Club, London, yesterday, Mrs Veronica Gould, of Guildford, Surrey, submits cheerfully to the royal sales talk.

Meeting
Order of St John
The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior of the Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem and President of the Alliance Orders of St John, presided at the annual meeting and dinner of the delegates of the Alliance Orders held at Leeds Castle, Kent, yesterday...

Receptions
Lady Mayoress
The Lady Mayoress was at Home at the Mansion House yesterday to the Court of Aldermen, the Court of Common Council, dignitaries of the church, the judiciary, civic organizations, representatives of the Armed Forces and several masters and prime wardens of the City, liveries companies, and their ladies...

University news
Saxess
Mr Leslie Fielding, director general for external relations in the European Commission in Brussels, to be Vice-Chancellor from October 1987 (and not this year, as reported on October 21), in succession to Professor Sir Denis Wilkinson...

Ratcliffe College
On Remembrance Sunday, November 9, the President, Father L.G. Hurdidge, will dedicate the chapel war memorial with completed list of old boys' names. All Old Ratcliffeans are invited and should write to the college if they require lunch...

Grafton House
Stowe
Grafton House, Stowe, will be holding its diamond jubilee dinner at Stationers' Hall, London, on October 31. There are 10 tickets available from Mr James Larcombe at the school...

HMS Dryad
Commander W.M. Caswell presided at a Trafalgar Night dinner held in the Wardroom Mess of HMS Dryad last night. Lieutenant Commander Pringle was the principal guest...

HMS Cochrane
Commander R. W. White presided at a dinner given by the Wardroom Mess of HMS Cochrane last night to commemorate the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar. Admiral Sir Richard Fitch was the guest of honour...

OBITUARY HERR FRITZ HOCHWÄLDER Dramatist of the troubled conscience

Fritz Hochwälder, the Austrian dramatist, died on October 20 in Zürich, which he had made his home. He was 75. Hochwälder was a considerable figure in European drama, and continued to be prolific for the stage as well as for radio and television...

He was born in Vienna on May 28, 1911, the son of an upholsterer. At school he was considered academically mediocre, and it was thought better that he leave to take up his father's trade. While working he began to write, largely for his own amusement...

He returned to work for the government as an economic counsellor to the Works Project Administration and, in 1938, became secretary to the Temporary National Economic Commission, credited with carrying out the most thorough examination ever of United States monopolies...

MR LEON HENDERSON
Mr Leon Henderson, a prominent New Deal economist whom Roosevelt called his "price czar", died on October 19, he was 91. He was also the first director of the Office of Price Administration...

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MR JULIUS STRAUSS
Mr Julius Strauss, who was one of the British founders of the Eurobond market, and who has a strong claim to have invented the term "Eurobond", died recently at the age of 75...

He was not a strong Zionist, but he was a practicing Jew - more liberal than orthodox - and was still on the board of management of his local synagogue at the time of his death...

MR BERT HILL
Mr Bert Hill, the comic artist who created Crazy Kink the Goofy Gangster and many other popular children's comic characters, died on October 22. He was 84.

Albert Hill was born in Guernsey on December 1, 1901. He left school at the age of 13 to become a trainee projectionist at the Electric Cinema and became fascinated by the primitive animated cartoon films which were just becoming popular...

These became virtual art lessons to the young Hill, and when the Electric closed in 1917 he apprenticed himself to a local printer. His spare-time sketches impressed his employer, who encouraged him to submit them to London publishers...

His first effort was accepted by the Amalgamated Press and published in the comic Merry and Bright on June 5, 1920. It was during the 1930s, the golden age of British comics, that he found his form and became a full-time comic artist...

After the demise of both Target Publications launched The Dazzler and The Rattler. For the latter Hill created his most memorable and original star, Crazy Kink the Goofy Gangster, a broad burlesque on Chicago mobsters...

Although the concept of

PERSONAL COLUMNS

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS AND IN MEMORIAM

BIRTHS

ALEXANDER - On October 23rd, to the wife of Mr. James Alexander, a daughter, Julia Alexandra. Parents: Mr. James Alexander and Mrs. Janet Alexander. Birthplace: Edinburgh, Scotland.

BLAIR - On October 21st in Sydney, to the wife of Mr. James Blair, a son, James Blair. Parents: Mr. James Blair and Mrs. Margaret Blair. Birthplace: Sydney, Australia.

COOPER - On October 17th, to the wife of Mr. John Cooper, a son, John Cooper. Parents: Mr. John Cooper and Mrs. Margaret Cooper. Birthplace: London, England.

GRANT - On October 22nd 1986, to the wife of Mr. James Grant, a daughter, Victoria Ann Grant. Parents: Mr. James Grant and Mrs. Margaret Grant. Birthplace: Edinburgh, Scotland.

HARRISON - On October 18th, to the wife of Mr. John Harrison, a son, John Harrison. Parents: Mr. John Harrison and Mrs. Margaret Harrison. Birthplace: London, England.

MITCHELL - On October 18th, to the wife of Mr. James Mitchell, a daughter, Victoria Ann Mitchell. Parents: Mr. James Mitchell and Mrs. Margaret Mitchell. Birthplace: Edinburgh, Scotland.

NICHOLS - On October 18th, to the wife of Mr. John Nichols, a son, John Nichols. Parents: Mr. John Nichols and Mrs. Margaret Nichols. Birthplace: London, England.

POWELL - On October 18th, to the wife of Mr. James Powell, a daughter, Victoria Ann Powell. Parents: Mr. James Powell and Mrs. Margaret Powell. Birthplace: Edinburgh, Scotland.

SCOTT - On October 18th, to the wife of Mr. John Scott, a son, John Scott. Parents: Mr. John Scott and Mrs. Margaret Scott. Birthplace: London, England.

THOMAS - On October 18th, to the wife of Mr. James Thomas, a daughter, Victoria Ann Thomas. Parents: Mr. James Thomas and Mrs. Margaret Thomas. Birthplace: Edinburgh, Scotland.

WATSON - On October 18th, to the wife of Mr. John Watson, a son, John Watson. Parents: Mr. John Watson and Mrs. Margaret Watson. Birthplace: London, England.

YOUNG - On October 18th, to the wife of Mr. James Young, a daughter, Victoria Ann Young. Parents: Mr. James Young and Mrs. Margaret Young. Birthplace: Edinburgh, Scotland.

DEATHS

ALEXANDER - On October 21st, peacefully at Nuffield Hospital, Woodhouse Grove, Leeds, aged 78, Mrs. Margaret Alexander, nee Johnstone, wife of the late Mr. James Alexander. Burial at St. James' Church, Leeds, on October 27th. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired, to the British Heart Foundation, 102 Grosvenor Place, London W1.

ARCHER - On 19th October 1986, at Dulwich Hospital, London, aged 82, Mr. Robert Archer, formerly of 10, Upper Park Road, Dulwich, SE22, devoted husband of Gertrude, at the age of 81, after a long illness. Burial at Dulwich Church, on Saturday, November 22nd, at 2.30 p.m.

BOYD - On Sunday 19th October, at her home in Devises, Essex, suddenly passed away. Burial at Devises Church, Essex, on Tuesday, October 23rd. Family flowers only please. Donations to Ovarian Cancer Research Fund, c/o Ovarian Cancer Society, c/o Ovarian Cancer Society, 10, Upper Park Road, Dulwich, SE22.

CLAYTON - On October 20th, suddenly, among his friends at Malvernbury, John, late of 11, Upper Park Road, Dulwich, SE22. Burial at Dulwich Church, on Saturday, November 22nd, at 2.30 p.m.

GARDNER - There will be a Memorial Service for Professor Dame Helen Gardner at the University Church of St. John the Baptist, Oxford, on Saturday, November 22nd, at 2.30 p.m.

MEMORIALS - PRIVATE

MERRITT - Geoffrey and Bridget, died tragically in a road accident near Southwood, Essex, on October 19th, 1986. They were very much loved and missed. A memorial service will be held at 11.30 a.m. on Thursday, November 27th, at 11.30 a.m. at St. John's Church, Southwood, Essex. Family flowers only please.

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HENFIELD - VERA NICOLL - On 24th October 1936, at Chelsea Old Church, John to Patricia.

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Science report

The medicinal leech makes a comeback

By Dorothy Boon

The fashion for blood-letting in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries probably did more harm than good. At medicinal leeches are now finding a place in more rational forms of treatment.

For instance, at St Bartholomew's Hospital in London, where six leeches are kept in freshwater tanks in the pharmacy, they are sometimes used to extract blood from haematomas and severe bruises.

Plastic surgeons may employ them to remove blood from surgical wounds in such operations as the reattachment of severed hands or fingers, giving the graft a better chance of taking.

Chemicals in leech saliva are being explored as possible treatments for thrombosis, arteriosclerosis and cancer. The compounds have anti-coagulant properties, which prevent clotting of the blood on which the creature feeds.

Leeches have three jaws with which they make a tridactile incision in the skin of a mammal. The European species, *Hirudo medicinalis*, favours human blood, and if given the chance it will ingest 90 per cent of its own body weight. Such a meal will probably last it a year.

Research has shown that biting behaviour is induced by mammalian body temperature and chemicals on the victim's skin, but the leech will not suck blood until it has tasted sodium and arginine in the blood. Skin temperatures excite certain neurons in the leech, causing them to secrete serotonin, which in turn stimulates the pharynx to pump blood, the jaws to bite and the salivary glands to secrete their chemicals.

Hirudin, the anti-coagulant found in leech saliva, is the most powerful natural anti-coagulant known, and the DNA which carries the genetic code for its production, has recently been cloned, thus opening the way for it to be made relatively cheaply in the laboratory.

Other substances found in leech saliva include enzymes and collagen fibres, one of which can disrupt blood clots, the other possibly dissolve atherosclerotic plaques. Another leech enzyme prevents platelet aggregation and thus thrombosis, by inhibiting the secretion of adenosine triphosphate from platelets.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Locker shares jump on hopes of Simon Engineering bid

By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard

Shares of little Thomas Locker, the filtration engineer, were flying last night with dealers talking of a possible bid soon from its bigger rival Simon Engineering.

Locker's all-important ordinary shares, which carry the votes, leapt 8p to 36p - just 4p short of their year's high - while the non-voting "A" shares jumped 6p to equal their peak of 33p.

But, despite its size, Simon is still regarded as vulnerable and has had its name linked in the past with Hawker Siddeley.

Volume was pushing a record low in the rest of the equity market with traders still pre-occupied with their Big Bang systems.

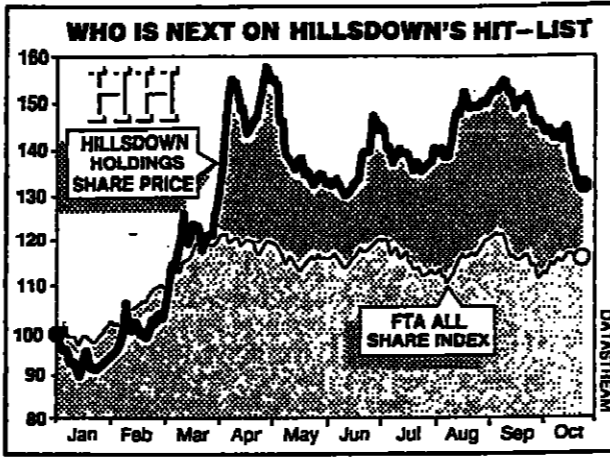
institutional investors refusing to deal until next week and another disappointing set of trade figures dampening the scenario still further.

The market looks unlikely to be any busier today, with some traders closing down their dealing facilities early because of the lack of new-time buying.

As one fund manager said to a broker: "You don't spend money in the shops if the sales are starting next week."

The FT 30 share index opened down 2.9 and slithered steadily lower, to close at 1,249.9, down 12.5.

Among the leaders, ICI lost 15p to 1,077p, Glaxo 10p to 93p, Beecham 10p to 415p and Tate & Lyle 9p to 551p.



clearing its debts by raising £150 million last week, eased a couple of pence to 198p as speculators tried to guess what its next target would be.

Joint chairman, Mr Harry Solomon and finance director, Mr John Jackson, spent the day at Wood Mackenzie's Wood Street offices on Wednesday where they held a series of institutional meetings with more than a dozen different fund managers.

Shares lost 15p to 658p. Shell dipped 8p to 915p. Lasso 6p to 915p. Britoil 5p to 135p and I C Gas 3p to 570p.

Stores had another bad day in response to the increase in mortgage rates. Mors Bros fell 10p to 490p. Burton 8p to 266p. W H Smith "A" shares 6p to 254p. Woolworth 5p to 630p and Storehouse 5p to 300p.

Hawker Siddeley was worst hit among mechanical engineers, falling a further 8p to make a two-day decline of 40p, after disappointing results. The stock is now down to a new all-time low of 407p.

Granada fell 4p to 268p after an article in this column yesterday highlighting that the Rank Organisation may have disposed of the 5 per cent stake it acquired during its abortive, £750 million bid earlier this year.

Mecca, the night club to bingo hall group, which made its debut on the stock market yesterday, opened at 146p, an 11p premium to its 135p offer price, before settling back at 144p, a 9p premium.

Consolidated Gold Fields, the mining finance group which has been the centre of recent takeover speculation, came in for profit-taking. But dealers said that this was expected after the shares were strong run and so near the end of the account. The shares hit 65p before encountering renewed support at the lower levels and increased turnover on the traded options market.

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PLYMOUTH

FOCUS

Drake's city sets a new course for the 21st century

When Plymouth celebrates the 400th anniversary of the defeat of the Armada in 1588, it hopes to welcome not only a large contingent of peaceful Spaniards, but also the representatives of more than 50 other Plymouths scattered across the world.

Drake and the Pilgrim Fathers between them ensured that the city's name was secure forever in the history books.

It is indeed no mean city, and not just because of its long unrivalled association with our maritime past. Once the fourth largest in Britain, it is still the largest on the south coast, the centre and industrial hub of Devon and Cornwall.

Its spectacular setting and many handsome streets and buildings are an obvious source of civic pride. But along with the elegance goes a tough, bluff self-confidence.

This is no Brighton or Bournemouth, but a working seaport — a sailors' town, not afraid to display its rough edges: a place which has suffered and shows its scars proudly.

It was from Plymouth that a large part of the D-Day invasion fleet assembled and set sail. That was apt revenge for the German air raids of earlier in the war, when the Luftwaffe showed exactly how much it rated Plymouth's importance by subjecting it to one of the most savage poundings meted out to any British city.

A year before the fleet set sail, the city fathers were already designing the new centre that would arise from the rubble. It was to be the first post-war comprehensive redevelopment and would serve as a model for the rebuilding of Europe.

At the time it was built it was widely admired, the wide sweeping avenues and modernistic rectangular buildings testifying to the planners' confidence in being able to create a brave new world. But times and tastes have changed

and paradise has had to be postponed.

The refurbished lanes and alleyways of the nearby Barbican are more to contemporary taste.

Today's civic leaders openly admit to the deficiencies of the rebuilt centre of which their fathers were so proud, in particular the over-emphasis on traffic at the expense of pedestrians.

"The place was designed before anyone foresaw the explosion in motor car ownership," said Tom Savery, the council's deputy leader.

"It is also true that post-war design with all its straight lines is a bit soulless," Mr Savery said. "We have got to update the whole concept. We regard our plans as futuristic and we

pedestrianization, city officials are enthusiastic about introducing covered shopping malls on the North American pattern. The new Armada shopping centre is a step in this direction, but there is also talk of roofing over whole streets from which traffic has been banished.

But "Tomorrow's Plymouth" is not confined solely to the centre. One of the most important new developments will be a conference and leisure complex on the site of the old Millbay station. It will contain a pool, an ice rink and a hall seating up to 2,500 people, which can be used for concerts, exhibitions and sports events.

A new four-star hotel is due to open next year, relieving pressure on accommodation.

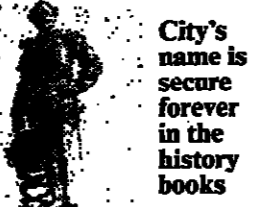
A new visitor centre is to be opened on the Hoe. And Millbay docks, which in recent years have provided an inadequate base for important sailing events, have already been replaced by a new marina at Queen Anne's Battery on the other side of town.

Not the least remarkable aspect of the whole scheme is the readiness of a Conservative council to commit up to £30 million of public funds during the next three or four years.

"The public sector must take the initiative in these matters in order to attract private investment," Mr Forbes-Watson argues. "Otherwise private investors are just not interested and will go somewhere else."

It is not a viewpoint that would appeal to some members of the Cabinet. But of one initiative Mrs Thatcher would surely approve, namely the council's decision 10 years ago to set up the Plymouth Marketing Bureau to "sell" the city both nationally and abroad.

It has now embarked upon its biggest "sale", which suggests that you cannot rely exclusively on Drake and the Pilgrim Fathers.



City's name is secure forever in the history books

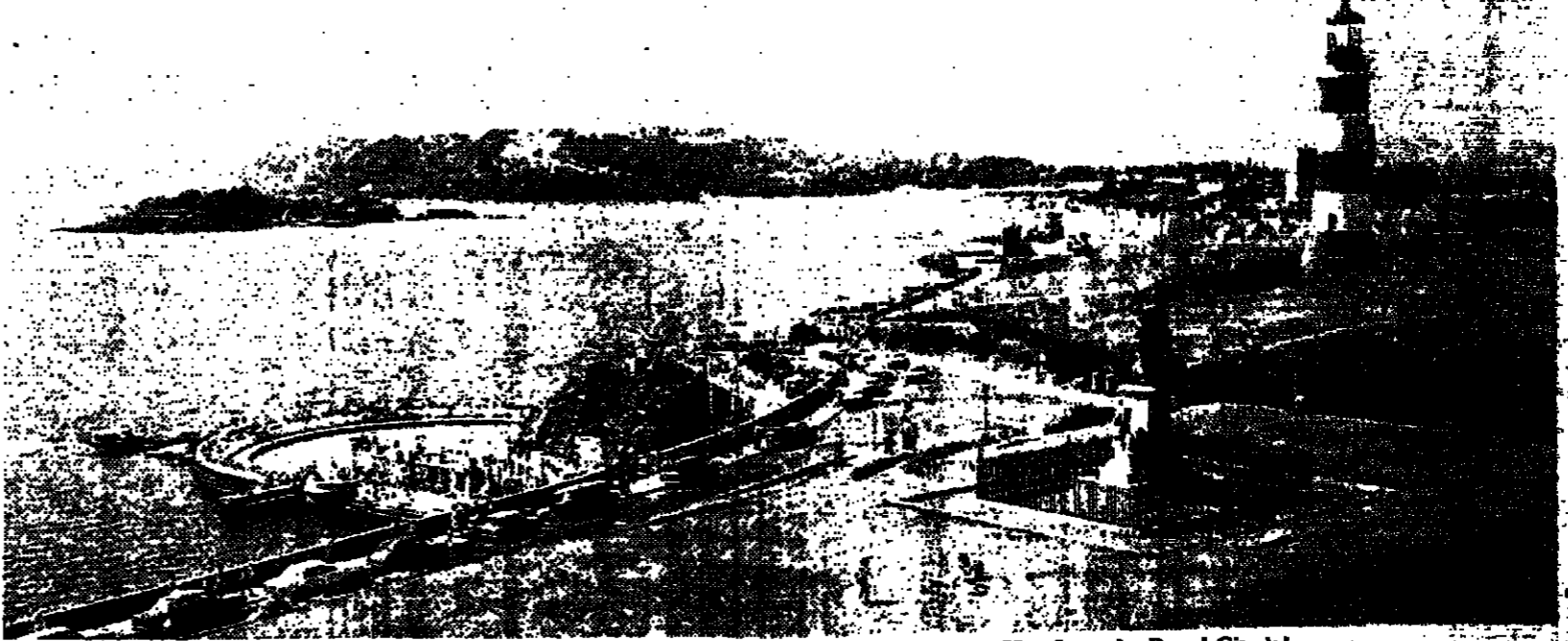
think the results will last well into the next century.

The plans outlined in a handsome new brochure aim to provide better links between the centre, the Barbican and the Hoe. The centre is heavily on increased pedestrianization, most notably that of Armada Way, the principal artery of the post-war redevelopment.

Much of the pressure for change has come from retailers in the centre who fear that Plymouth is being left behind in the competition to attract customers. The particular fear is of a proposal to build an out-of-town "regional shopping centre" near Exeter.

Andrew Forbes-Watson, the council's chief executive, is predictably scornful of this proposal. "Exeter is ready to sell its birthright," he said, in much the same terms an Oxford man refers to the Other Place.

As an accompaniment to



Historic interest and scenic beauty: a view of Plymouth Sound and Plymouth Hoe from the Royal Citadel

Making the most of the waterfront

The West Country has long been Britain's favourite domestic holiday region, even though the attractions of warmer, more reliable climates have made inroads in recent years into its traditional market.

But amid all the breeze and bustle of the dozens of resorts lining the coasts of Devon and Cornwall, Plymouth has remained somewhat aloof, a serious city amid the seasonal frivolities, with only a passing interest in the comings and goings of tourists.

But it increasingly sees itself as the regional tourist centre, a place which does not just benefit at second hand from the money brought in by visitors, but which promotes its own attractions.

One of the key factors in this change of attitude has been its maritime legacy. The transatlantic liners have long since gone and even the Navy has a less obvious presence than it used to. But leisure boating has enjoyed an unprecedented boom.

In recent years Plymouth has been the starting and/or finishing point for all sorts of important yacht races, including the single-handed transatlantic, the round-the-world and the round-Britain races.

The biennial Fastnet race starts from Coves but traditionally ends in Plymouth Sound.

It was at Plymouth that the late Sir Francis Chichester ended his epic solo pilgrimage nearly 20 years ago. It became the centre of a whole new sailing philosophy, based not on competing round buoys in sheltered bays, but on racing for thousands of miles over the open ocean.

During these years the commercial Millbay docks have provided a basin

in which boats could be moored, but little else. The glamour of yachts from dozens of countries, with their internationally famous skippers — men like Chay Blyth, Eric Tabarly and John Ridgeway — has contrasted sharply with the shoddiness of the surroundings, with cargoes heaped on the quayside and a depressing lack of even the most basic facilities.

Now at last the city has realized the importance of this business to the local economy. The new marina — or

afford the new berthing fees. But, on the whole, the benefits were seen as far outweighing the objections.

The marina will provide 300 permanent berths, a high proportion of which have already been booked. Mark Gatehouse, its director and an experienced and successful long-distance sailor, has dared to think the unthinkable, namely that Britain might win the America's Cup, in which case Plymouth would undoubtedly be one of the leading candidates to stage the next series.

That may be pipedreaming, but Mr Gatehouse is enthusiastic about the prospects for more waterfront development and renovation as more and more former military and industrial sites come on to the market. "Plymouth has never really made the most of its historic setting," he said. "In many ways it is the most underdeveloped city in Britain."

For some that may be part of its attraction, but no one could surely deny the success of the Sutton Harbour rehabilitation, where the old city docks have been transformed into a busy haven for small boats.

The adjoining Barbican area, which not many years ago had a decidedly dubious reputation, is now a mass of colourful small shops, restaurants and wine bars, and is an important tourist attraction.

Some of the claims made for Plymouth in its tourist literature may be a little far-fetched. "Sweeping down from the wild natural beauty of Dartmoor and nesting among spectacular Devon and Cornwall coastline, the location of Plymouth Hoe and the breathtaking views over Plymouth Sound are incomparable

with anything...anywhere...in the world.

But in the combination of its own historic interest and the beauty of the countryside on its doorstep, it is certainly well placed to take much more advantage of tourism.

Confidence is evident in the forthcoming opening of the new four-star Copthorne Hotel, owned by a subsidiary of British Caledonian which already has hotels near Gatwick and in Aberdeen and Glasgow, and is building two others in Birmingham and Manchester.

The opening will add a further 135 rooms to an existing total of 7,000 beds in hotels, boarding houses and self-catering accommodation. The date chosen is March 17, marking the 40th anniversary of the post-war city centre redevelopment, in which the Copthorne forms the final link.

Inevitably, the city's marketing bureau, which is primarily responsible for tourist development and promotion, is making the most of its North American links.

Brochures recall not just the departure of the Mayflower and the Pilgrim Fathers' settlement at Plymouth, Massachusetts, but the earlier landing by Drake on the coast of California and his claim to have taken possession of it for Queen Elizabeth and to have christened it New Albion.

Plymouth's greatest moment will be re-enacted in July 1988, to mark the 400th anniversary of the Armada. The programme includes costumed balls and picnics, ox roasts, chains of bonfires, Elizabethan fairs, a banquet, a bowls tournament, yacht races and children's events.

If that does not put the city firmly on the tourist map, nothing will.

Setting for big sailing races

as the council prefers to call it, the Seaports Centre — at Queen Anne's Battery, is due to open next March.

It will not only give the city an important new tourist attraction, but will also provide vastly improved amenities and a more appropriate setting for big sailing races and other international gatherings.

The project was launched three years ago by a partnership of the city council and Dean and Dyball Ltd, a company with interests ranging from boatbuilding to housing and land reclamation. The site chosen, opposite the Barbican, had previously been run down, a waterside inner city slum crying out for a facelift.

Parliamentary approval had first to be obtained and one of the scheme's staunchest supporters was the local Conservative MP, Janet Fookes. Some reservations were expressed by, among others, Dr David Owen, who represents Devonport, about whether local fishermen would be able to

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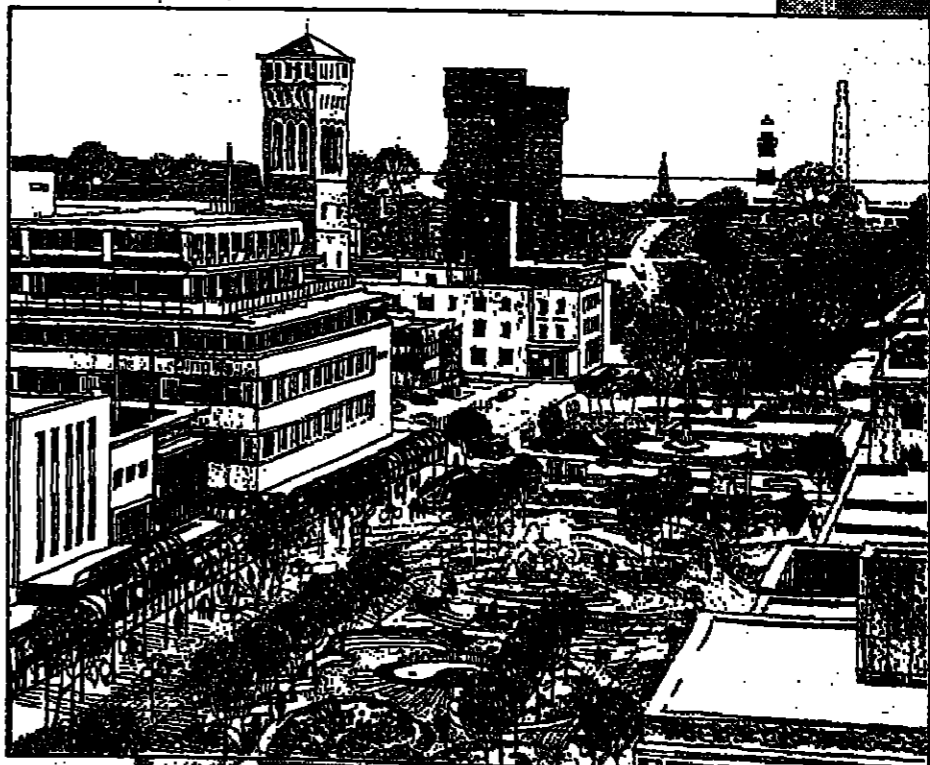
Pedestrianation Plymouth Sound

The devastation of the Blitz stimulated the 1943 plan for Plymouth which created a city centre that was visionary and made Plymouth the South West's major shopping centre. The plan's achievements were acknowledged and admired not just in the city but throughout the world; it provided a framework upon which successive generations could build.

There is now need for further imaginative development — to adapt the city to provide for the needs and expectations for the 1990's and beyond.

"Tomorrow's Plymouth" is a statement of intent; it combines the council's aim to improve Plymouth's environment and prosperity, with a commitment to take action and encourage private sector participation.

The way forward is detailed in a publication 'Tomorrow's Plymouth', if you would like to participate in our future — contact Graham Jones, City Estates Surveyor, Civic Centre, Plymouth PL1 2EW Devon. Tel: 0752 668000 — for further details.



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Overseas help in the fight to create jobs

No town likes to be dependent upon a single industry because of the social havoc that can be caused by a drop in demand for its products and a consequent decline in its workforce.

There have been several dismaying illustrations of this in Britain in recent years and Plymouth is in particular, would vigorously resist any implication that it was a one-industry city.

Nevertheless, the huge Royal Naval dockyard at Devonport has for generations dominated the local economy. The workforce has dropped to fewer than 12,000 from a post-war peak of 20,000, but it still accounts for an astonishing 44 per cent of all jobs within the town's work area.

The dangers of over-reliance on the dockyard were recognized at least as early as the immediate post-war years. Efforts were made to attract newcomers, among the earliest of which were Tecalemit, manufacturing motor components, Bush radios and Berkertex clothing, all at that time heavily labour-intensive operations.

But Plymouth suffered from its lack of tradition as a manufacturing centre, which meant it was unfamiliar to potential investors and from what in those days was seen as its daunting remoteness.

The city had long boasted an excellent train service but, before the age of motorways, the road journey to the West Country from London or the Midlands was notorious for its delays and frustrations.

Against that it was able to advertise the attractions of its superb surrounding countryside and all the amenities that go with being located on a beautiful stretch of coast.

Such considerations appealed particularly to the new "clean" technological industries, many of them foreign-owned, whose executives saw no reason for moving to the grime of the industrial North and Midlands.

Between 1959 and 1973 there was a steady flow of new firms, lured by green-field sites and by a plentiful and

generally well-disciplined labour force.

History and sentiment may have had something to do with the fact that many were American-owned. There are now 15 companies in Plymouth whose head offices are in the US, including Arrow Hari/Crouse Hinds (specialty switches), Gleason (engineering), Ranco Controls (refrigeration and heating) and Texas Instruments.

By the early 1970s the local economy was even showing signs of overheating and labour shortages. But the recession of 1973, and the huge shedding of labour in British industry that has continued since, changed all that.

Unemployment is now more than 15 per cent and there are fears that further redundancies in the dockyard could push the figure to more than 20 per cent.

The area has kept its intermediate assisted area status, although government grants are less attractive than they were in the 1960s. But with so

many of the jobs within the travel-to-work area, there are fears that further redundancies in the dockyard could push the figure to more than 20 per cent.

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First-hand experience: David Johnston, heading a new company to save Devonport

refrigerators, air conditioners, electric cookers, washing machines, tumble driers and central heating equipment in three factories in Plymouth and a fourth at Bodmin, in Cornwall.

It employs more than 1,000 and exports nearly three-quarters of its output.

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very difficult these days," he said. "Most of the recent expansion has been in existing industries."

"We still have a desperate need to widen our employment base." We have had considerable success when it comes to manufacturing, considering the national decline, but we still have little office employment.

Tourism and conferences are seen as important for job creation in the coming years. But perhaps Mr Jones's greatest comfort is that his office has had more inquiries this year from small firms than at any time in the past 10 years.

It expects to be one of the first cities in Europe to be linked to the new Sturport in London's docklands.

Brittany Ferries operates a daily service to Roscoff and twice a week to Santander in northern Spain. The opening of the M5 between Bristol and Exeter, and the construction and improvement of other roads in the West Country, have also helped to dissipate the feeling of remoteness.

But with unemployment still well above the national average, Graham Jones, the city estates surveyor, does not disguise the difficulties. "Trying to get inward investment is

Local disquiet in the docks

Seldom, if ever, can a single issue have so dominated the local press and radio in Devon and Cornwall as the future of the giant Devonport Naval dockyard.

This is hardly surprising, considering that nearly every other working man in and around Plymouth is employed there and its weekly wages bill amounts to £2,500,000.

Its 13 docks, three of them covered to form a huge all-weather frigate "shed", are set in a 332-acre site spread along two-and-a-half miles of waterfront. It is the largest ship repair yard in western Europe and 14 times larger than any private shipbuilding premises in the UK.

Devonport has its origins in national disquiet about the marauding activities of the Dutch, culminating in the indignity of allowing Admiral de Ruyter to sail up the Medway and inflict serious damage on the English fleet.

The Royal Navy clearly had to be strengthened and, by a nice twist of irony, it was the "Dutch" king, William of Orange, who commissioned the building of the new dockyard.

Its importance to the local economy during the past three centuries has been incalculable.

However, times are changing. Fortunately Devonport has been spared the sad fate of Chatham - closure - but it is to be privatized and that is what is causing all the fuss.

Local opposition to its sale, particularly among the workforce and the trade unions, was and is strong. But for at least the past 15 years

there has been widespread dissatisfaction with its performance and in 1982, Michael Heseltine, who was then Secretary of State for Defence, commissioned Peter Levene, an industrial expert, to look at ways of making it more efficient.

Mr Levene's conclusion broadly was that, while there was little wrong with management or with the workforce, it was operating under a number of constraints, and it would be better to establish a commercial relationship between the dockyard and the Royal Navy.

The Government agreed. In

House. Both firms have since withdrawn from the race, but two joint venture companies have been established to bid for the contract.

One, Devonport Operations Ltd (DOL), has been formed by Foster Wheeler, Wharton Williams (Holdings), A & P Appledore and Investors in Industry Group. The other is a partnership between Brown & Root, Vickers and Lazard Brothers, called Devonport Management Ltd.

But a third, and in many ways the most interesting candidate, is Devonport Dockyard Ltd, a company set up by the present managing director, David Johnston, with nine senior colleagues, which last December broke ranks with the rest of the workforce in opposing the sale and decided to bid for a management buy-out.

Mr Johnston believes firmly that his own experience in the dockyard, where he began work as an apprentice, gives him a decided superiority. "We do not want to see the management of Devonport Dockyard pass to a company which has little knowledge of the Navy or the business of refitting ships," he said.

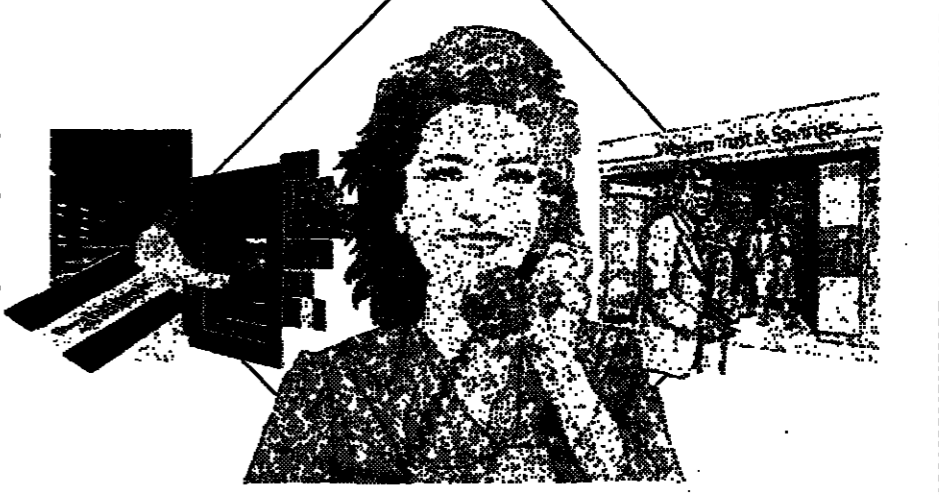
He has no doubt that changes are needed and that economies must be made. It is the opportunity offered to every employee to own a share of the new company, together with local sentiment in favour of a local group, that he hopes will persuade the Government that he has the best chance of winning over the opposition. Shortly before Christmas he will know if he has succeeded.



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By Derek Harris
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help, partly because of mistrust of what services are being offered and how final fees will be arrived at.
The actual level of fees did not, however, appear to be a special worry...

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develop a quality audit of small-firm procedures so as to measure the performance overall of businesses;

Marketing the ideas of others

By Peta Levi
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Summary dismissal for misconduct not unfair

Pritchett and Another v J. McLintyre Ltd. Before Lord Justice May, Lord Justice Mustill and Lord Justice Bingham

[Judgment given October 22] The summary dismissal of two employees for misconduct was not rendered unfair because of the employer's failure to put the allegations of misconduct to them and to invite them to give any possible explanations.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by the employer, J. McLintyre Ltd, from a decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal (Mr Justice Waite, Mr A. D. Scott and Ms P. Smith) that had reversed the decision of an industrial tribunal by granting declarations to the two applicants, Mr K. J. Pritchett and Mr J. Dyjasek, that their dismissals had been unfair.

The applicants were refused leave to appeal to the House of Lords. Mr Christopher Butler for the employer, Mr Robin Allen for the applicants.

LORD JUSTICE MAY said that the applicants had applied to an industrial tribunal for a declaration that they had been unfairly dismissed - the provisions of section 77 of the Employment Protection Act (Consolidation) Act 1978 not having been satisfied by their employer. That tribunal held the dismissals to be fair.

employees receiving excessive bonus payments. The police had been involved. A number of witnesses implicated the two applicants and in consequence they had been put into a different shift and kept under observation.

In July 1984 valuable aluminium bars went missing and the employer formed the view that in all the circumstances the applicants were absolutely unanswerable. No purpose was seen in calling them in for an interview and a decision was made to dismiss them both summarily.

However they had gone on to a further matter, the manner in which the dismissals had taken place. British Labour Pump Ltd v Byrne (1978) 1 CR 347 - an Employment Appeal Tribunal case concerning the correct approach in cases such as the present and which had been approved of by the Court of Appeal in A. J. Deaton Services Ltd (The Times October 23, 1986) - stated two questions that were to

be considered by the industrial tribunal, namely (1) had it been shown on a balance of probabilities that the employees had taken the same course as had an inquiry been held, and (2) had the employer shown that he had had and he gone through all the normal procedures, he would still have been behaving reasonably in deciding to dismiss.

Such a test had been considered by the industrial tribunal. To have put the allegations to the applicants and to have invited their explanations would, it was held, have been a "meaningless formality".

There was therefore a single hearing of the facts. Here the procedure chosen was to refer the complaint to the governing body of the school. They found that the remark complained of was not made. So they did not make a recommendation for dismissal, but for reinstatement.

School governors' findings of fact cannot be reheard by committee

McGoldrick v Brent London Borough Council. Before Mr Justice Roch [Judgment October 22]

Findings of fact by which the governing body of an infant school concluded that allegations made against the school's head teacher had not been substantiated and that she should be reinstated, were binding upon the defendant authority in respect of all disciplinary proceedings against her, and the defendant authority's disciplinary subcommittee were precluded from rehearing the case.

Mr Justice Roch so held in the Queen's Bench Division granting a declaration to the plaintiff, Miss Maureen McGoldrick, that the findings of fact made pursuant to the school's articles of government by the governing body of Sudbury Infants School, in the London Borough of Brent, on August 26, 1986, to consider a complaint against her, were binding upon the defendant in respect of all disciplinary proceedings against the plaintiff in relation to such complaint.

plaintiff's contract of employment was to be interpreted so as to subject to their right to appeal to the Court of Appeal, the plaintiff would be reinstated.

That was followed by a meeting of the authority's subcommittee, the purpose of which was to receive recommendations and take appropriate action following the meeting of the governing body of Sudbury Infants School. The plaintiff was not told of that meeting, and she or her representative was not invited to attend.

There were two routes by which complaints should be dealt with. First, allegations of misconduct by reference to the school governing body which determined the facts and made a recommendation for dismissal.

Therefore the resolution taken by the subcommittee to reinstate the case in which they were not entitled to take. The argument that there should be a power in the local education authority to order a second hearing was misconceived.

Cheque card misuse abroad

Regina v Bevan. Before Lord Justice Neill, Mr Justice Tudor Evans and Mr Justice Staughton [Reasons October 16]

A person who used a cheque card to obtain money in excess of the limit permitted by the issuing bank was borrowing by way of overdraft. Where he dishonestly obtained money by that method he would be guilty of obtaining a pecuniary advantage by deception contrary to section 16 of the Theft Act 1968.

The Court of Appeal so held giving its reasons for dismissing on September 18 an appeal by the defendant, David John Bevan, against his conviction at Southwark Crown Court (Judge Carter, QC and a jury) of *inter alia*, obtaining a pecuniary advantage by deception.

The defendant's first point was that he was not allowed to obtain money by overdraft because there was never any agreement between him and Lloyds Bank that he should do so. Mr Sutton submitted that an overdraft was an arrangement by agreement with a bank, a person was entitled to draw money in excess of the sums that he had deposited.

However, there were authorities which were consistent only with the conclusion that a bank case transaction was a borrowing by way of overdraft. In those circumstances the defendant's first argument failed.

bank in London. He was not charged with theft or obtaining money by deception which it was conceded would be held to have taken place wholly in Brussels on this point.

The court was also referred to *R v Baxter* (1972) 1 QB 1 and *DPP v Stonehouse* (1978) AC 55, both of which concerned an attempt to obtain property by deception contrary to section 15 of the 1968 Act.

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Some coaches just can't bear the idea of nonconformism. But sports psychologists have pointed out that often the nonconformist is a vital part of the team. Not just in tactical terms, but also because the nonconformist helps create and maintain team spirit.

"I am so pleased the Great Britain coach has told me to play my natural game," Gill said. "I like to go hunting for the ball, you know. What I love is open space. The season has been a disaster for him so far. At the beginning, the Wigan coach told me all he didn't want was a stiff neck. Well, my eyes lit up. And now I have my Great Britain shirt back as well. We'll be playing on a football pitch (Old Trafford), which is a bit wider than a normal rugby

struggle, of being different, or the risk of failure. True, it is likely to be as disastrous if you build teams entirely of wild individualists as it is if you build a team quite devoid of flair. But it is the first error that coaches are more prone to, in just about every sport. Teams need a touch of wildness: Hanley is the most dangerous ball-carrier in the country," Bamford said.

"Many people dedicate their lives to actualising a concept of what they should be like, rather than actualising themselves," Peris said in *gestalt Therapy Verbatim*. When they do this, they are more predictable and lack flair.

Spedding's road to rehabilitation, all 26 1/2 miles of it, comes on Sunday in the grandiose styled America's marathon here. Spedding, aged 34, had been one of the favourites for the Commonwealth race, eventually won by the Australian, Rob de Castella. And, apart from the shock of dropping out, the most galling thing for the Englishman was that he had been so close to winning it.

CYCLING

Doyle to cash in on victory. Fresh, though not necessarily in the physical sense, from winning the best British race, Tony Doyle turned out in the Dortmund event last night, the second in the season's series, facing what must be his most lucrative year so far.

ATHLETICS

Spedding on the road again after his Edinburgh flop. Given that law about action and reaction being equal and opposite, it seems only fair that the road to rehabilitation should be the same distance as the road to ruin.

BASEBALL

Series even as Mets win again. Boston (Reuters) - The New York Mets, in full stride after a sluggish start, combined power and pitching to beat the Boston Red Sox 6-2 late Wednesday night at Fenway Park and draw even in the World Series.

ICE HOCKEY

New setback for Wasps. Peter Johnston, coach of Durham Wasps, has resigned because of pressure of business. Wasps, winners of the Heineken League title for the past two seasons and winners once and runners up once in the Autumn Cup, suffered a heavy setback last week. After losing 4-3 to Stjernen (Oslo), the Norwegian champions, in the first leg of their first round European Cup tie, they were defeated 9-6 at home by Peterborough Panthers and had to qualify for the English finals of the Norwich Union Cup.

FISHING

Time-share is just 'asset stripping'. Time-share of salmon beats is strongly condemned by a leading fisherman, Arthur Opleby, in his latest book, *Fly Fishing for Salmon and Sea Trout*, just published by Crowood Press (£16.95).

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TENNIS

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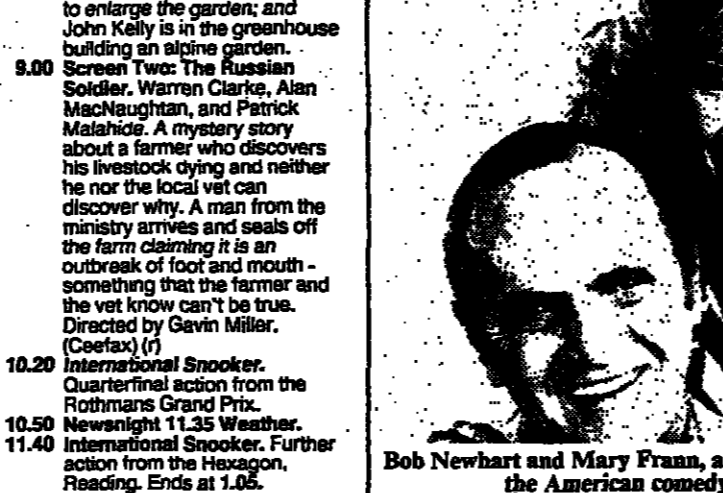
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